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BOILER OF RIVER STEAMER EXPLODES

CAPTAIN, MATE AND FIREMAN KILLED

Nine Other Persons Escape in Lifeboats When Vessel Sinks

Portland, Ore., Jan. 19.—Three persons were instantly killed when the boiler of the river steamer Sarah Dixon exploded just before midnight and the pilothouse was ripped from the superstructure four miles south of Kalama. Chief Engineer Chester L. Lewis says he is unable to explain the explosion.

The Dixon's captain, Fred Stinson, 32 years old, Mate Arthur Monrella, 29 years old, Fireman Silas Knowles, 28 years old, are dead.

Nine persons were saved from the sinking steamer and were hurried up the river to Kalama in a boat under the care of Pilot D. Conway.

The police said the captain and the mate were standing in the pilothouse when the explosion came and were killed. No one saw either of them, or the fireman after the explosion occurred.

Lewis, who was on duty when the accident occurred, said that the explosion came without the slightest warning. He said there was about ten pounds less than the usual amount of steam carried and the fuel oil was the same the boat used right along.

All the nine other persons on board made a rush for the life boats and rowed to Kalama. Most of them had been in bed and were not dressed.

The Dixon, which is totally submerged in about thirty feet of water, left here at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for lower river points. She was 161 feet long, 30 feet beam and drew 7 feet of water. She was owned by the Shaver Transportation Company of Portland, and will be a total loss. She was worth probably $25,000.

DRINKS POISON.

North Vancouver Man Ends Life in Fit of Despondency.

North Vancouver, Jan. 19.—J. B. Edwards, living with his wife at the corner of King street and Sutherland avenue, took his life early yesterday morning by drinking chloroform. The body was found lying within a few feet of the house and close at hand was an empty bottle marked chloroform.

At the inquest yesterday afternoon the chief of police, Major Taft, testified that he had instituted an investigation and found that Edwards had procured the bottle of chloroform in a Vancouver drugstore on the plea that he intended to use it in killing a dog. Dr. Newcombe stated that he had examined the body and found that death was due to an overdose of chloroform. He also expressed the opinion that the deceased had been mentally depressed at the time. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while suffering from mental depression.

MILITARY AEROPLANES.

Paris, Jan. 19.—The French government has decided to ask the chamber of deputies for an appropriation of 4,400,000 francs for the construction of aeroplanes for military purposes.

STEAMER SINKS AFTER COLLISION

Unknown Vessel Goes Down With All Hands Off Coast of Wales

Swansea, Wales, Jan. 19.—An unidentified steamer was sunk with all hands near here last night, owing to a collision with the Cunard liner Veria, from Liverpool.

The Veria, which has arrived here with damaged bows, was unable to find any trace of the survivors or of wreckage.

The lost vessel is a small one and probably carried a crew of about a dozen men.

TWO SPIES SENTENCED.

Leipsic, Germany, Jan. 19.—Sentences were imposed yesterday on two spies by the Imperial supreme court. Baron Von Gradoff, a lieutenant in the Russian navy, and Lieutenant Concer, belonging to the reserve of the Hungarian army, were both condemned to three years' imprisonment.

Baron Von Gradoff will be confined in a fortress, while Concer will serve his term in an ordinary penitentiary. The espionage of which they were convicted was connected with naval matters, and Baron Von Gradoff was detained to supervise the operations of Lieut. Concer and stimulate him to further activity.

ITALIANS REPULSE TURKS AND ARABS

ATTACK ON COLUMN NEAR TOWN OF TRIPOLI

Hundreds of Turks Reported Killed in Fight Near Derna

Tripoli, Jan. 19.—A terrific attack was made yesterday by a large body of Turks and Arabs on the Italian column which was on the march about ten miles from the town of Tripoli.

The Italian troops, which consisted of detachments of all arms, left Tripoli early in the morning moving toward Ghirgarish, a small oasis situated about 10 or 11 miles along the coast to the west of the town and surrounded by a number of mud fortifications which hitherto had given shelter to Arabs.

Suddenly as the soldiers were marching along the road, which runs parallel to the coast, they were attacked by a large force of Turks and Arabs. The Italians took up position and threw up field entrenchments. The enemy continued its attacks throughout the day, but finally retired. Details of the losses have not been reported.

After the Italian army, which included three battalions of line infantry, a battalion of grenadiers, two battalions of artillery, two squads of cavalry and other details, had taken up position after the first onslaught by the Turks in the vicinity of Ghiragaria a galling fire was poured on them. The Turkish and Arab troops, who were in considerable strength, were under cover of the brush of the oasis.

Artillery fire from the Italian batteries caused the enemy to withdraw, but they returned later with heavy reinforcements and succeeded in turning the Italians.

The Italian commander removed his forces, and after several hours of fighting the Turks finally retreated to the desert.

The military situation in Tripoli just now to all appearance has undergone no change. All the fighting has been begun by the Turks, who have repeatedly attacked the Italian troops at different points and have just as often been repulsed. As a matter of fact, however, the Italian commanders have been using time as an ally. They have been strengthening their position and been preparing for an advance into the interior. Material for the construction of a railroad into the desert is arriving in large quantities.

Hundreds Fall in Fight.

London, Jan. 19.—News reached here early to-day of an attack by 3,000 Turks on Italians who were engaged in repairing the water supply at Derna on Wednesday. The Turks were repulsed, hundreds of them being killed. The Italians had three killed and seven wounded.

MAY REMAIN IN LONDON.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—H. J. Logan, ex-M. P. for Cumberland, N. S., a leading federal parliamentarian during the first twelve years of the Laurier regime, will likely take up his residence in England, accepting the legal position of partnership in a large financial house in London.

WILL SPEND THREE DAYS IN NEW YORK

Plans for Entertainment of Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Daughter

New York, Jan. 19.—The plans for the entertainment of the Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada, and uncle of the King of England; the Duchess and their daughter, Princess Patricia, who are to be the guests of Whitelaw Reid in this city next week, indicate that the party will have little leisure from festivities of one sort or another.

Monday there will be a breakfast party and a formal dinner. Tuesday, dinner and reception and dance, and Wednesday, an automobile excursion. The visitors will return to Ottawa Thursday. Whitelaw Reid and Mrs. Reid expect to leave for the Pacific coast soon, where they will remain several weeks.

SCHOONER FOUNDERS.

Beaufort, N. C., Jan. 19.—The schooner Henry Prescott, from New York to Wilmington, N. C., with salt, foundered on Diamond Shoals off the Hatteras coast to-day. Three of her crew of seven were saved this afternoon. The remaining four were still clinging to the rigging with the seas so high as to make the work of the life-savers almost impossible. The men rescued saved themselves by jumping into the sea so that the Hatteras life crew could pick them up.

FINE EDITORIAL DISCRIMINATION

A dozen or more requests have come in for an editorial on skating. There is one thing about editing the Colonist that is very pleasant, and it is the very common habit its readers have of asking for articles on certain subjects.—Vide Colonist editorial January 18.

BOARDS OF TRADE CONVENTION CLOSES

UNIFORM BOILER INSPECTION ACT URGED

Publicity Campaign for West Kootenay and Boundary District

Rossland, Jan. 19.—On the convention assembling yesterday it was recommended that a wagon road be constructed from the north end of Kootenay lake to Windermere via Earl Grey pass. The formation of rural telephone companies was agreed to, support being given Rossland's proposal that the B. C. Telephone Company be ordered by the government to construct immediately a line between this section and the boundary towns to do away with the service of leased lines through Washington.

A uniform boiler inspection act was proposed by Rossland and agreed to.

Trail forwarded a resolution that in order that Canadian gold and silver be used for coining purposes the Dominion government be requested to purchase gold and silver at Trail on the same basis as the United States purchases these metals at Seattle and Helena, thereby preventing exportation of gold and silver to the States.

R. H. Stewart, general manager of the Consolidated Company, said they could get better prices from China and Japan than from Ottawa. The rates were against them as the government could buy cheaper from the east than from them. Charges were 12 cents an ounce for gold to Seattle and three-quarters of a cent an ounce for silver to Ottawa, a heavy charge for silver.

J. S. C. Fraser said the government had already recognized the principle by establishing an assay office at Vancouver, and they could do the same with Trail as the gold was refined there. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

A subsequent motion was passed requesting the mining delegation to bring the matter before the government.

W. G. Foster advocated a combined plan of publicity for West Kootenay and the Boundary districts. East Kootenay would look after itself and the others could combine. There was jealousy between individual districts, but they were broad-guage enough to overcome this. The idea was favored, a committee consisting of J. D. McDonald, of Rossland; C. F. McHardy, of Nelson; Noble Binns, of Trail; Guy Lowenburg, of Creston, and J. W. Cockle, of Kaslo, being appointed to formulate some plan.

Votes of thanks and appreciation were passed to Hon. R. McBride and the provincial government for so promptly having the Kaslo-Slocan railway opened up again; to the Dominion for granting $36,000 for the survey of the Columbia river; to Rossland Board of Trade and Rossland club for so agreeably entertaining the delegates; to the president, vice-president, press and secretary of the convention, then closing. In the afternoon the delegates visited the local mines.

KING AND QUEEN TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

Will Take Part in Opening of Exposition at Perth in 1915

Perth, Western Australia, Jan. 19.—A great international exposition which is to be opened by King George and Queen Mary is to be held here in 1915, on the occasion of the completion of the trans-Australian railway.

DISPUTE IN COTTON TRADE SETTLED

Mills in Lancashire Will Resume Operations on Monday

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 19.—The dispute in the cotton trade, which culminated in a lockout affecting about 300,000 men on December 27, has been settled. The question in the dispute between employers and workers was the employment of non-union labor. All the mills will be re-opened on Monday.

NEW OFFICER.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—W. P. Gundy defeated John Firstbrook for vice-president of the board of trade yesterday.

THOUSAND KILLED AND WOUNDED

FIERCE BATTLE FOUGHT IN ECUADOR

Troops Supporting Provisional Government Defeated—Commander Wounded

Guayaquil, Jan. 19.—Over one thousand men were killed and wounded in a battle yesterday at Yaguache to the northwest of this city.

An army supported by the Quito government, under the command of General Julio Andrade, Ecuadorean minister of Colombia, attacked and defeated an army of Guayaquil troops supporting the provisional government proclaimed by General Montero, under the command of General Flavio Alfaro. General Alfaro was wounded during the fight, which was very severe. General Eloy Alfaro has now been appointed commander-in-chief of the Guayaquil army.

Revolt in Paraguay.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 19.—Telegrams from Asuncion, Paraguay, confirm the report that the supporters of President Rojas have recaptured the city. After a desperate street fighting the rebels fled from the city. The casualties totalled 200 killed and wounded. A Brazilian gunboat is reported on the way from Corrientos to assist President Rojas to re-assert his authority.

SOCIALISTS EXPEL COMRADE.

Gives Offence by Accepting Election Commissionership at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 19.—William McDavitt, recently the Socialist nominee for mayor and a speaker noted for his zeal in his cause, was expelled from the Socialist party last night because of accepting an election commissionership from Mayor Rolph. This action was taken by the City Central Committee of the party by a vote of 17 to 1.

The charges of unfaithfulness grew out of the party's endorsement of C. W. Hogue, a striking Southern Pacific shopman, for the commission. Mayor Rolph positively declined to consider Hogue and for that reason asked McDavitt to accept the place.

REPUBLICANS APPEAL TO POWERS FOR RECOGNITION

Note Issued By Foreign Minister—Hostilities May Be Resumed on January 28 Unless Premier Complies With Demands.

Nanking, Jan. 19.—The republican government to-day sent an appeal to the powers for recognition. This took the form of a circular which was sent to Washington, London, Paris, Berlin, and St. Petersburg and was signed by Wang Chung Wei, the foreign minister of the republican cabinet. The terms of the circular are as follows:

"The Manchu government, having entered into negotiations with the republic of China for the purpose of abdicating its entire sovereign rights, powers and privileges, we fervently pray for recognition in order to avoid a disastrous interrenum.

(signed) "Wang Chung Wei,
"Foreign Minister."

It appears now to be absolutely certain that fighting between rebels and the imperialists will be resumed on the morning of January 28 unless Premier Yuan Shi Kai concedes to the demands of the Republican government. These demands which were telegraphed to-day to Premier Yuan Shi Kai at Pekin, are very drastic and substantially as follows:

One—The abdication of the throne and the surrender of the sovereign powers are demanded.

Two—No Manchu may participate in the provisional government of China.

Three—The capital of the government cannot be established at Pekin.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai cannot participate in the provisional government of China until the republic has been recognized by foreign powers and the country has been restored to peace and harmony.

The decided action by the Republican government was due to Premier Yuan's demand that Dr. Sun Yat Sen resign the provisional presidency, permitting Yuan Shi Kai to exercise powers until the national convention, which is to be called to decide on the form of government of China, shall have reached a conclusion.

In the meantime Premier Yuan desires the court to retire, temporarily transferring its powers to him. The court, however, objected to leaving Pekin until the national convention has reached a decision.

"The ultimatum is the last word of the republicans" President Sun Yat Sen to-day said to the Associated Press.

"I have taken an oath to oust the Manchu rulers and restore peace to the country before resigning. I have taken an oath to establish a republic in China and if I consented to the propositions laid down by Yuan Shi Kai, I should be foresworn.

"I am convinced that a republic is not only practicable but that it would be the best thing for China.

"China cannot permit outsiders to dictate her form of government. This republic is now an established fact.

"Undoubtedly the best thought of China unanimously supports the republic, and there is no question of north and south. I am firmly convinced that the people of the eighteen provinces are in favor of a republic.

"We are now confident of the righteousness of our cause and of the superiority of our military strength. If Yuan Kai persists in obstructing, our armies will be ordered to march northward."

President Sun Yat Sen declared that entire harmony exists within the ranks of the Republicans. Republican officials assert that one, and possibly two, foreign powers are urging Yuan Shi Kai to insist that he should be constituted the head of the entire government and that Yuan Shi Kai has been given the assurance by these powers of assistance. Yuan Shi Kai, it is said, agreed a few days ago to the unequivocal retirement of the Manchus and to the recognition of a republic as the government of the southern provinces. He accepts the idea of a dual administration, the north under Yuan Shi Kai and the south under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, pending the decision of the national convention on the future government which is to be held at an international point. There is reason to believe that this arrangement may be the final outcome of the negotiations between the Republicans and the Imperialists. Tang Shao Yi is still hopeful that both the south and north under such an agreement would be recognized by the foreign powers and that peace would be restored.

Fail to Agree.

Pekin, Jan. 19.—The princes of the Imperial clan, a number of leading Manchu officials and several members of the government had a protracted meeting to-day with the Empress Dowager at the palace, but again separated without arriving at a decision on the question of abdication. Three of the young princes, together with Teh Liang, the former Tartar general at Nanking, would not, however, agree to the court's retirement to Jehol, although they did not suggest an alternative.

There has been considerable excitement in Pekin throughout the day among both foreign residents and Chinese. There were many rumors of the probability of a Manchu outbreak which, however, appears untimely at present.

The ex-regent, Prince Chun and the former premier, Prince Ching, visited Premier Yuan Shi Kai this afternoon and had a long conference with him. It appears that the court has not produced the gold it promised to provide for the Imperial soldiers who do not show any anxiety to fight for glory.

It is reported in Chinese circles that the regent, Prince Chuu, suggests the abdication of the throne, the court to remain in Pekin and Yuan Shi Kai to establish a provisional northern government at Tien Tsin, pending the decision of the national convention as to the future form of government.

The Fifteenth regiment of United States infantry, which is to act as guards for the protection of a section of the railroad from Pekin to the coast, arrived at Ching Wang Tao to-day on board the transport Logan. Captain J. H. Reeves, attache of the United States legation, was on the quay waiting to greet the troops as they disembarked.

Preparing For Flight.

London, Jan. 19.—In an Imperial edict issued to-day the authorities of the Pekin railroad are ordered to send all available rolling stock to Pekin.

An exodus of the nobles is expected shortly, according to a dispatch from Tien Tsin. Three trains are now waiting in the vicinity of Pekin.

BOY LOSES LIFE WHILE SKATING

Eleven-Year-Old Lad Falls Through Thin Ice and is Drowned

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—A skating fatality occurred last evening when Gerald Volp, the eleven-year-old son of Steven Volp, Sixteenth avenue and Garden Drive, fell through the thin ice of Trout Lake and was drowned, notwithstanding the efforts of Dave Malcolm, another skater, to save him.

Thinking that the recent cold weather would make the ice bearable on the lake, young Volp, with Sidney Rental, 2162 Tenth avenue East, and several other lads, started skating early in the afternoon. While the ice was firm around the edges of the lake the middle was not frozen. While all the boys with the exception of Rental and Volp were some distance away, Volp skated through shell ice into the open water. Two Vancouver police constables, McGregor and Dickey, were called to the spot, but owing to the fog and darkness could make no effort to recover the body.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 19.—Fire early to-day destroyed the Masonic temple, the Reinhart hardware store, and the Fishman dry goods store. The loss is estimated at $100,000. For a time the entire business section was threatened.

FIREMAN KNOCKED FROM ENGINE CAB

Victim Sustains Injuries Which Result in Death—Overhanging Derrick Causes Accident

Nelson, Jan. 19.—Fireman McCallum died in the Michel hospital yesterday as a result of injuries sustained in an accident at Sparwood Wednesday afternoon.

The deceased was on duty on the Soo-Spokane flyer, westbound, and when passing a freight, which was standing on a switch, an overhanging derrick on the freight tore the top off the engine cab. It is said McCallum was looking out of the window to see if the flyer's passing would be obstructed when the crash came, throwing him out and in the fall he fell on his head. Engineer T. S. Gill of the passenger escaped with a shaking up.

It is not known as yet where the responsibility for the overhanging derrick lies. The deceased was a Scotchman, about 30 years old and unmarried. His remains will be taken to Cranbrook, for interment.

BLAZE AT SHOAL LAKE.

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—Fire in Shoal Lake, Man., last night destroyed Martin's bakery, where it started; Eakins & Griffith's hardware store, Markle's law office, George Squires' block and a residence. Forty thousand dollars' damage was done.

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DETECTIVES GUARD GOVERNOR FOSS

Threats Reported to Have Been Made as Result of Labor Troubles

Boston, Jan. 19.—When Gov. Foss came to the state house yesterday from his home in Jamaica Plains, he was guarded by detectives and plain clothes men watched the corridors during the day for the possible appearance of Black Hand agents said to have designs on the governor's life.

Dudley M. Holman, the governor's secretary, said:

"We received word from sources which we considered trustworthy, and from six widely different points, that after a secret meeting held at New York, certain interests had sent to New York to have two Black Hand bomb-throwers come over here and attack Governor Foss and other officials and set fire to their residences. One report came from Lawrence. It was said that the feeling against the governor was due to his action in sending the militia to Lawrence, as well as because he had signed the 54-hour bill, which is an issue in the strike."

ATTACKS GOMPERS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—A sharp attack on President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was made in the senate yesterday by Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who protested that a communication from Mr. Gompers should not be received by the senate. He said that no communications should be accepted from that source after the revelations in the McNamara case. Several senators insisted that any citizen had a right to address a communication to the senate. The Idaho senator demanded to know if any senator could vouch for Gompers' citizenship. There was no reply, but when it was explained that the letter was simply to transmit a protest against power presses in the bureau of the printing and engraving, Mr. Heyburn withdrew his objection.

LOST WAY ON DESERT.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 19.—A girl's skirt, flapping in the wind, stopped a train in the midst of the Majave desert and brought about the rescue of Adelia Kretchner, an 18-year-old San Francisco girl, according to advices received here. Miss Kretchner had started on a walk in the desert near Hesperia, Calif., and lost her way. When trainmen reached her, her swollen tongue protruded through the parched lips and she could not speak. She was taken to a hospital at San Bernardino and resuscitated.

URGE CLEMENCY.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—The press is urging a revision of the trial of M. Lopukine, former director of police, who was sentenced in May, 1909, to five years' imprisonment at hard labor on a technical charge that he was a member of the revolutionary organization. The newspapers point out the absurdity of the conviction of Lopukine for his alleged disclosure of the true character of Azoff who figured as one of the most successful plotters against the Emperor, the state and the lives of police agents and government officials and at the same time was a daring police spy. It is argued by writers of the articles that if Lopukine contributed to the unmasking of Azoff he should be regarded as a savior of Russian lives and Russian honor.

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SURVIVOR TELLS OF LOSS OF VESSEL

Sailors Washed From Wreckage After Steamer Went on Rocks

Aberdeen, Scotland, Jan 19.—Capt. Stoddard, of the British steamer Wistow Hall, which foundered on the Butlers of Buchan with the loss of 53 lives, tells a story of terrible experiences in the gale. Only Captain Stoddard and three of the crew reached shore.

Capt. Stoddard, who was resuscitated after a long period of unconsciousness, relates a story of extremely tempestuous weather from the time of leaving the Tyne on Monday.

The vessel got into difficulty on Wednesday, when two of the crew were fatally injured. The captain himself had his spine hurt, confining him to his cabin. Finally the fires were extinguished, and the vessel was at the mercy of the sea. A few minutes before she struck the steward assisted the captain to dress. No sooner had he reached the bridge than the steamer crashed into the rocks. He was washed overboard, and remembered nothing until he recovered consciousness in the cottage where he is now lying.

Capt. Stoddard was taking his first voyage as commander of the Wistow Hall owing to the illness of the regular master.

After Monday the crew had no food or drink, and all of them huddled in the engine room, not daring to venture to the forecastle to procure supplies.

The scene from shore was harrowing. The vessel soon broke up, and the crew clung desperately to the wreckage, but every wave claimed its victim. Nothing could be done to help the men, and in a short time all disappeared except the four who were washed ashore.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS HAS BEEN CURED

Chicago Doctor Declares He Has Found Lair of Germ in Human Body

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Infantile paralysis, long classified among the deadly diseases, against which science was powerless, has been cured. Agnes Riley, 2½ years old, has been given health and ability to romp about like other children through a discovery by Dr. Roy F. Bernard. Last September she was stricken and for four months she was paralyzed, a condition from which no child ever before is known to have recovered. Dr. Bernard says he has discovered the lair of the dreaded germ in the human body. To exterminate the germ he has discovered a mechanical stimulation treatment. By a simple method, which he claims any practitioner may use, he asserts every vestige of the disease can be eradicated in from 12 to 15 days.

SAYS HE IS EDDIE GUERIN.

Glasgow, Jan. 19.—A man who was arrested here on a charge of loitering in a hotel with intent to steal, asserted he is Eddie Guerin, so-called American criminal, although an English judge decided he was a British subject. The man has not yet been identified. Eddie Guerin's name was known all over the world through his sensational escape from a French penal colony at Devil's Island, where he was serving a life sentence. He was arrested in London, but Great Britain refused to extradite him to France, the judge holding that he was a British subject. Guerin got a life sentence on Devil's Island for robbing the American Express Company in Paris of $30,000.

REQUESTS RELEASE OF STEAMER

Paris, Jan. 19.—During a meeting of the French cabinet yesterday Premier Poincare announced that he had instructed the French ambassador at Rome formally to request the release of the French steamer Carthage which was arrested by an Italian warship and taken to Cagliari, Sardinia, because she was carrying two aeroplanes on board which were regarded by the Italians as contraband of war. The French ambassador has been told to inform Italy that France reserves all her rights in reference to an indemnity.

The quantity of malt liquors consumed in the United States in 1910 was 1,851,000,000 gallons, against 1,704,000,000 in Germany and 1,397,000,000 in the United Kingdom.

GOVERNMENT BILLS BEFORE COMMONS

NUMBER OF MEASURES ARE ADVANCED

A. Verville Complains of Dismissal of Labor Gazette Correspondents

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A dull afternoon was spent yesterday in advancing government bills.

The opening incident was G. H. Bradbury's introduction of his bill respecting the use of flags. He explained that the purpose of the measure is to prohibit the defacing of the national flag by the addition of letters and words, as everyone knows there is much use of the ensign for advertising purposes.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson declared that the Union Jack had been put to a baser use than those of advertising. There should be a provision in the bill to prevent the use of the national flag in political contests. This abuse had been very pronounced in recent years, especially in the last election.

Hon. W. Pugsley complained that at Coaticook a government official had been dismissed for publishing a protest against "Shooting holes in the Union Jack" speech.

During question time A. Verville asked for the names of all correspondents of the Labor Gazette who have been dismissed.

Hon. T. W. Crothers stated that the only correspondents who have been dismissed were persons who were either incompetent or inattentive.

Mr. Verville insisted on knowing the names. He said that he knew one of the correspondents who had been dismissed and knew him to be neither incompetent nor inattentive.

The Speaker checked the discussion.

Later, when supply was moved, Mr. Verville returned to the subject and protested that the Maisonneuve correspondent did not deserve condemnation. He also condemned the new system whereby the names of correspondents are not published with each contribution. They might be the agents of manufacturers' associations.

Hon. Mr. Crothers denied that any man had been dismissed for partizanship. The Maisonneuve correspondent had resigned, expecting to be dismissed.

W. F. Carroll of Cape Breton assailed the minister for omitting the names of correspondents. He assumed that the correspondent at Sydney had been dismissed and asked the name of his successor.

Hon. Mr. Crothers produced the report upon the Sydney man. It was thoroughly favorable. "He has not been dismissed."

The inquiries bill took up most of the afternoon. Hon. C. H. Doherty at the outset announced that the government would consent to two changes. First, the commissioners may allow any persons whose conduct is under investigation to be represented by counsel. They must allow that privilege to persons against whom charges are made. Second, when the commission appoints sub-commissioners the approval of the governor-in-council must be obtained.

The bill stood over to permit minor amendments one of form, to be drafted.

The external affairs department bill was put through and then the House took up the bill to enable the government to pay more adequate salaries to the ministers' private secretaries. The Liberals asked that it be widened to include secetaries of the Liberal ministers. The bill stood over to be redrafted to conform to this.

Other bills were advanced, and in the evening the House went into supply after J. H. Sinclair had complained that the government had dropped the appropriation for the railway in his county of Guysborough.

President Hays of the Grand Trunk was again in Ottawa yesterday, and had a conference with the Premier. The Grand Trunk people were reported some time ago as anxious to obtain additional financial help from the government in connection with the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The understanding has been that the company asked for a loan of $15,000,000, and the Hays mission here is believed to have been to press this request, but there does not appear to be any certainty that another loan will be forthcoming. The negotiations yesterday were, it is said, without finality.

That the public service commission intends to make its investigation into the workings of the civil service complete and thorough, is evident from the preparations now being made by the commission for the formal opening of the inquiry, which will not be long delayed. These preparations include the gathering of complete statistics in regard to the staff and duties of each department of the inside service at Ottawa. Armed with that information the commission will be in a position to set about its investigations with a good general knowledge of the administration machinery.

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Close on the heels of the celebration of the Empire's birthday will come the observance next Wednesday of the bi-centenary of the birth of Frederick the Great, and three days later, Saturday, January 27, Emperor William's fifty-third birthday will provide occasion for public rejoicing throughout the length and breadth of the land. Brilliant court functions will mark next week's anniversaries.

Emperor William has always considered his distinguished ancestor, Frederick the Great, as the biggest figure in all history, and he has left nothing undone to make the observance of the 200th anniversary a memorable one. All the school children in Prussia will be presented with a book containing the inspired sayings of the Great Frederick — inspired, however, largely by Voltaire. The "greatest of all Frenchmen," it will be recalled by those familiar with history, spent some time at the court of Frederick the Great as the guest of the monarch. The Emperor has carefully expurgated from the edition of Frederick's works to be given to the children the deistical theories which Frederick learned from Voltaire.

The Emperor has been at work for years on a history of Frederick the Great, but he has carefully abstained from mentioning the religious views of his ancestor, and dismisses the influence of Voltaire upon Frederick with a few words. This has incensed all literary France, and one Parisian literary journal has retaliated by calling Frederick "the pale shadow of Voltaire the Great."

ENDS LIFE WITH GAS.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—The body of a young man, 22 years old, who gave the name of Walter Wilson, when he rented a room at 501 Eastlake avenue, was found with three gas jets turned on. Nothing is known concerning the young man's relatives. He told the landlady that he had been out of work and was almost without funds at the time he took the room.

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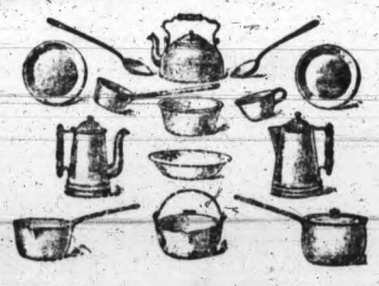

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FIRST DEBATE OF SESSION CLOSES

LAST SPEECHES ON THE ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR

Minister of Lands Defends the Administration of That Department

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 18.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, which document is the speech in another tense and form, was concluded this afternoon, somewhat unexpectedly, and the House is now ready to proceed without further delay to the serious business of the session.

The feature of the day's sitting was a rather spirited defence of the administration of the lands department by the present minister in charge of it, Hon. W. R. Ross. The lack of a land policy by the government has been a frequent point of attack by the opposition, and as time goes on the force of the attack increases. So serious had it become at the present session that the responsible minister felt called upon to defend the manner in which the government which he joined not long ago had dealt with the greatest asset the province has, rich as it is in natural wealth.

Another feature is of interest only to the electors of Esquimalt district, who are woefully misrepresented in the present parliament. A member who was elected in opposition to the government now in power in this province presumed, as he has done for two sessions previously, to speak in the House as a supporter of the government, which he fulsomely eulogized, quite contrary to the wishes of the majority of the people who elected him. Nothing but superlatives would suit John Jardine in his references to a premier and a government which not so long ago were anathema to him. How he reconciles this with his own conscience is probably his own business; how he reconciles it with his duty to the electors of Esquimalt the people of that riding will have a chance to express an opinion on before long, according to all indications.

Jardine Fulsome Praise.

Mr. Jardine began with the usual congratulations to the various speakers who had preceded himself, in varying degrees of praise. He confessed that when he came to the first minister it was with the utmost deference that he approached the subject. However, he was able to enunciate the opinion that the speech the premier had delivered had been "one of the most brilliant efforts he had ever made, and one which exceeded the expectations of the gentlemen on the floor of this House." Continuing, the member for Esquimalt informed the House that the premier had great gifts and attainments which were not easily followed by any of his supporters, and that "he has the ability which few possess of putting the affairs of the country in such shape that any person who is desirous of following correctly the true trend of events in British Columbia must feel delighted indeed."

The only note in a lower key in this high-strung pocan of praise was when he offered sympathy to the leader of the opposition—a position which, by-the-way, he was at one time very ambitious to fill—on the ground that he knew the disadvantages of the position. As for the member for Newcastle, the member for Esquimalt was good enough to approve of "the high order" of his witticisms, but regretted that the hon. gentleman had not mollified his remarks about the premier and refrained from saying harsh things. In fact, Mr. Jardine objected to criticism of "those in authority under our King's majesty and over us"; although he was kind enough to grant to everyone the right to wish that their own particular views might prevail. No one could read the signs of the times, according to him, but they must go on until reforms were brought about without doing injustice to anyone. As long as he was a member of the Conservative party, he declared, he would give his adherence to moderate reforms, which would pave the way of the people of British Columbia to greater things.

Regarding educational matters, Mr. Jardine was satisfied, on the whole, with the conditions prevailing, but he admitted that the standard of the teaching profession would not suffer if some teachers from outside were brought in; and he recommended this as a feature of an immigration policy. He said he and the member for Newcastle did not see eye to eye on the matter of the university, and he proceeded to show that they did not by misunderstanding what that gentleman had said. Mr. Williams had pointed out that the university rested in the last analysis on the primary school, but Mr. Jardine professed to believe that what was meant was that the endowment of the university was not sufficient. On this view he expressed his certainty that the minister of education would see to it that some means were devised whereby children of the rural communities would get an opportunity to attend the university if they wished, and that if the endowment was not enough the House would make it large enough so that no child would have anything put in the way of its getting a higher education if it showed ability.

Mr. Jardine objected to Mr. Williams' statement that wages on the railway construction work were lower than they were ten years ago, and to prove this gave the figures reported as being paid on C. N. R. construction, without any comparative figures. He gave the figures paid by Grant, Smith & Co., as given in the House by the minister of railways in answer to a question, and said those of Moore and Pethick were practically the same.

"What constitutes a day in the Esquimalt district?" was Mr. Williams' very pertinent question.

"I have not got that, but I know that in my own district they are working the nine-hour day," replied Mr. Jardine.

Mr. Williams wanted to know if the rate of $2.50 for laborers was for a nine-hour or a ten-hour day.

The member for Esquimalt replied that it was $2.50 for a nine-hour day. The men were working the same number of hours, he was given to understand, as on government work. Getting on another track from this he said:

"I never like to see an old opponent mentioned in the way the Colonist was yesterday, and I also thought it was only right I should go into this matter. The member for Newcastle thought it right to go into what the Colonist received, but he was careful to omit any reference to what the Times received from Ottawa."

Mr. Williams—We have nothing to do here with what Ottawa does in that regard.

Mr. Jardine—Take the condition of affairs there, and the member for Newcastle will admit we often take a lead from those higher in authority, though it would be unwise for us to look to them for good in the distribution of office. With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I will give you the amounts from the year 1895 to 1901. (Evidently Mr. Jardine was slipping a cog in his dates just here, to judge from his further remarks). I got this list prepared for me. In the year ending June 30, 1905, the Colonist got not a sou; the Times received $1,485.15. In the year ending June 30, 1906, the Colonist not a cent, the Times $1,695.60. For the nine months ending the 31st March, 1907, the Colonist received $6.25 and the Times received $1,186.90. In the year ending March 1, 1908, the Colonist got nothing and the Times received $835.50; for the year ending March 31, 1909, the Colonist not a cent, the Times ——they are increasing now; there must be something in sight—$1,920. The total the Colonist received during all these years was $6.25 and the Times received $7,123.05. Now, sir, that would give you an opportunity to judge as to the relative merits of the two governments in the matter of disposing of patronage. I thought it only right this should be done as the member for Newcastle did not mean to mislead and probably did not think it worth while to go into this thing and take up this side of the question.

Dealing with matters which he thought of interest to his own district, Mr. Jardine said that he had support-

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THE LAND POLICY.

It remained, of course, for Hon. W. R. Ross, the Minister of Lands, among Hon. Richard McBride's colleagues, to come to the defence of the government with respect to its land policy. Mr. Ross did so yesterday afternoon in an address which was heard indifferently, but is amply supplemented in its weak parts by the paid organ of the government. To those outside British Columbia and unaware of the continuous performance in land deals going on under government auspices, the plausible statements of the minister will be real reassuringly. To those within the province who know the facts the statements of the minister will sound ironical.

A single paragraph reporting the minister's address will suffice to make this clear. The organ says:

"He pointed out how in 1907 the government had taken the first step by dropping the classification known as third-class lands, which increased the prices of crown lands by about 200 per cent, and later in the same year they had also put a reserve on all unalienated timber lands. In 1908 they commenced a system of surveys which had been kept up steadily ever since. In that year they had also set aside one-third for the exclusive benefit of the pre-emptor, one third for university endowment and one-third for purchase or pre-emption under the Land act."

Such an enactment, if honestly administered, would have enured to the progress of the province and to the encouragement of settlers. But its administration has done the very reverse. It has encouraged the sale of the choicest lands for speculative purposes and the allotment of those most difficult of access for the preemptor. Every survey has been made to serve the purposes of the speculative investor and every reserve placed upon land has only furthered his purposes. Reserves have been lifted only when the friends of the government have been ready with applications to purchase and the very best of the agricultural areas have gone to these.

It is worse than folly to deny these facts. They are patent to every old-timer in every part of the province and are becoming a bye-word among men. Nor is there any indication in the speech of the minister that the same things will not happen in the territory proposed to be exploited by the new railways the government projects.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

Hon. W. T. White, the Minister of Finance in the government of Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, offered a peculiar and we think untenable reason for the hesitancy of the government to adopt a system of old-age pensions in Canada. While admitting the validity of the principle of such provision for the care of those who have passed the period of self-supporting activity, he expressed the fear that the adoption of such a scheme would advertise the Dominion unfavorably. In his own language his objection was thus stated: "The real question in Canada was whether conditions were such as to require what is admitted to be adverse criticism of this sort and whether public opinion is yet ripe for it." He also introduced such comparison between the economic conditions in the United Kingdom and those in Canada as would suggest that his conception of a system of old-age pensions is primarily of a philanthropic and charitable measure.

We are the more surprised at the position taken by the Minister of Finance, because it was understood that his political proclivities were of the Liberal order. We find him, however, exerting the influence of his position in the same manner and for the same purpose as the old Tory party of Great Britain did a few years ago when the same proposals were before the British House of Commons. Old-age pensions are no longer understood to be primarily relief measures. They are based on sound principles of political economy and are designed to secure, in a business like way, such guaranteed provision for the support of the aged and infirm as will entitle them to a measure of independence in their advanced years. We do not look upon the system as a form of state charity, nor is it so understood in any of the countries where the system is in operation.

How much better it is for those who are approaching the non-productive age in their lives to feel that partial provision has been made for their support under measures of state insurance—quite as free from the semblance of charity as the provision made under any regular system of insuance—than to leave them to "filial sympathies, and the provision usually made by municipalities." Nor do we agree that the country is not ripe for such a scheme to be put in operation. Such an inference can be based only on the assumption that old-age pensions are charitable measures.

More than this, if such a system is to become of appreciable value it should be initiated at once. It should not be left until there is such actual need of it, as the minister suggests. Men now in the prime of life should be privileged to contribute, under state legislation, to the funds from which they must in a quarter of a century draw their annuities if they are to be worth having.

The experience of countries where such provision is made for the aged is only confirmative of the belief that the system is sound in principle and much in advance of the haphazard and often inadequate provision made for the aged by local institutions or even by their, too frequently, dependent relatives.

TRUSTS IN CANADA.

Since the defeat of reciprocity the Packers' Trust of the United States has made serious inroads into the business of liberty-loving Canada. The Swifts took over Davies's business in the city of Toronto and the concern is now operated as a branch of the gigantic combine. More recently all the packing houses in Montreal have been acquired by the American syndicate and practically the whole of the packing business east of Winnipeg is now directed from American centres. These facts give piquancy to the reports of the investigation of ten American packing concerns now undergoing trial in Chicago for violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. Some interesting facts have already been disclosed in the evidence given under oath before the commission.

The evidence of Henry Veeder, the secretary of the indicted pool, was a dramatic recital of the extraordinary steps taken by the packers to insure secrecy in their operations. When the pool was established in 1893 it was decided to form a kind of secret lodge with secret signs and codes. The pool met every Tuesday afternoon on a sixth floor room in Chicago under the name of "Postoffice Box No. 247." When the door was tyled and the brethren assembled they proceeded "to fix the price of fresh beef, agree on the price to be paid for cattle, and allot among its members the amount of meat to be shipped into the different centres of distribution." They were known to each other by an alphabetical code, and the country was divided into territories known also by letters of the alphabet. Nothing regarding the existence of this secret pool was allowed to leak out. Even the stationery was stamped simply with the name of the secretary. The members of this secret beef pool are now on trial, and we shall not seek to anticipate the result.

What seems beyond question is the fact that this pool, in secret conclave, not only held up the consumer by fixing arbitrarily the price and supply of meat, but also held up the farmers and breeders by arranging the prices to be paid for cattle.

The Toronto Globe recommends that the government withhold contracts for supplies from the packers indicted or from affiliated firms. Such a course would no doubt help some in Canada. The British government has already taken such procedure, and the result has been a severe blow to the business of the incriminated American firms.

Producers and consumers in Canada are already so utterly at the mercy of the meat trusts that unless the government intervenes the insufferable evils which afflict the people of the United States will be felt in the Dominion with even greater severity. In time the people of Canada will be made to realize how utterly the protective tariffs put them under the power of trusts, but it must be feared that they will not become students of sound political economy until they are driven by the cruel necessities of the conditions already beginning to be established. The day cannot come too soon.

The following extract from the peroration of the speech of the Minister of Lands yesterday is reproduced without comment as, to those who know the facts, comment is unnecessary: "This land policy has, of course, been made to conform to the amendments that have been made from time to time to the Land Act during the past five or six years and under which many thousands of applications to purchase have been carried through to completion involving, as you all know, hundreds of different conflicting interests, but in the great amount of business dealt with there has not been entertained in the minds of reasonable men the faintest suggestion of a land scandal or a single instance where persons having claims under the Land Act have not received honest treatment at the hands of the officials charged with the carrying into effect of the government's land policy."

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The Monetary Times Annual Review is received. This excellent compilation is, if possible, better than ever. Not only does it contain authoritative figures on almost every question of finance and investment in Canada, but its expositions of the underlying philosophy of money movements are a valuable contribution to the knowledge of general business affairs. The leading article by the editor, Mr. Fred W. Field, is on Industrial Amalgamations in Canada and apart from historic review of the situation it goes to the root of the matter. The special number will prove of great value to those who wish to familiarize themselves with the progress of industrial and commercial development in Canada.

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The Minister of Lands in his speech yesterday waxed both facetious and satirical at the criticisms of the land policy of the government made by the Times. This paper is quite ready to accept the odium cast upon it for its revelations of the doubtful procedure of the government until such time as the people of the province as a whole awaken to the enormities of the administration. The only discouraging feature of the present situation is that the Minister of Lands knows what the Times says is true.

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Our allwise contemporary does not know just exactly what is the best course to pursue respecting old age pensions. It will not be quite sure until the government decides one way or the other, and then it will modestly claim credit for the advocacy of such course. But, as in the case of the navy, the topic must be handled very cautiously until the government discloses its purpose. Clever skating. In fact, a figure 8.

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Each one of the departments at Ottawa was a subscriber to the Daily Times. Since the change of government a number of the ministers have given instructions to discontinue the subscriptions. The first department to so act was the agricultural, of which Hon. Martin Burrell, of Yale-Cariboo, B. C., is the minister.

SESSION THIS EVENING.

Council Will Sit for First Time as Streets Committee.

At the city council meeting this evening a report showing the progress on the contracts of the Canadian Mineral Rubber company for paving will be presented from the city engineer. It will show that the department has kept well ahead of the paving contractors in the underground work essential before turning over the streets to the contractors.

There will be a brief meeting of the council as such, as the authority has a large quantity of work to do as a streets committee. Under the present arrangement the whole of the members form the committee, as the committee arrangement gives them greater ease in dealing with matters, with the absence of strict rules of procedure. Permission will be granted Commissioner Raymur to take a holiday.

DIDN'T SCREAM.

A young woman was suing her former sweetheart for breach of promise. "You say," remarked defendant's lawyer, "that the defendant frequently sat very close to you?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply, with a blush.

"How close?"

"So close that one chair was all we needed to sit on."

"And you say he put his arm around you?"

"No, I didn't."

"What did you say, then?"

"I said he put both his arms around me."

"What then?"

"He hugged me."

"Very hard?"

"Yes, very hard; so hard that I very nearly had to scream out."

"Why didn't you scream?"

"Because—I didn't" (another blush).

"Come, that's no reason. Be explicit, please. Because what?"

"Because I was afraid he'd stop."

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SATURDAY'S SALE PRICES $2.50, $2.75, $3.50 AND $3.75

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A Clean-up Sale of Trimmed Hats on Saturday at $2.50

Many very interesting models are in this assortment. They are all new and popular models, but owing to the advanced season we have decided to reduce our stock and are making this offer to effect a speedy clearance. Felt and velvet shapes are prominent and the trimmings are wings, fancy feathers and a variety of ribbons. See the View street windows for further particulars. Every hat is a great bargain. Your choice at $2.50

The Balance of Our Children's Fur Sets at 50c

Little and dainty Muffs and Scarves in white materials are here in varied styles and will be cleaned out early on Saturday morning. The low price alone is a sufficient inducement. Your choice at ..... 50¢

Good Eiderdown Wool at 15c a Skein

A new shipment has just arrived and the quality is well above the average. No better material can be desired for knitting skating or aviation caps or house slippers. The colors are navy, sky, green, helio, tan, brown, pink and grey. Per skein ..... 15¢

$3.00 Men's Boots for $1.95

Another shipment of Men's Boots, made of good box calf has just come to hand. They are blucher lace boots that sell regularly at $3 a pair and all sizes are here. Saturday special sale price $1.95

Saturday's Sale News from the Men's Furnishing Dept.

MEN'S GLOVES AT 10¢, 50¢ AND 65¢

MEN'S WOOLLEN GLOVES in heather mixtures. All sizes are here and are our regular 25c and 35c values, to sell at ..... 10¢

MEN'S KID GLOVES, lined or unlined. There are only large sizes in this line and are our regular $1 values. Special sale price on Saturday ..... 65¢

STRONG WORKING GLOVES, made of muleskin, horsehide or plain leather. There are all sizes and no better values are to be had at the price. Saturday's special inducement, per pair ..... 50¢

MEN'S AND BOYS' SHIRT BARGAINS

MEN'S WORKING SHIRTS, made of a heavy grey mixture flannel, have turn-down collars attached and all sizes are here. We strongly recommend these garments. Special sale price for Saturday $1.50

BOYS' FLANNELETTE SHIRTS in a variety of light stripes. They have turn-down, reversible collars and come in all sizes. Special sale price per garment ..... 50¢

Household Hardware at Saving Prices

FLOUR CANS, 100-lb. size, price each $2.00 and $2.50
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20 Bales Comforters on Sale Saturday at Bargain Prices

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EIDERDOWN COMFORTERS. There are just a few of these left over. They are our regular $7.50 qualities, but on Saturday we will clean out the balance of our stock at $5.75

PILLOW SLIPS made of a strong bleached cotton, in all sizes. Regular $4.80 values on sale Saturday at, per dozen $3.00
Regular $3.00 values on sale on Saturday at, per dozen $2.40
Regular $2.50 values on sale Saturday at $2.00
Regular $2.00 values will be cleaned out at, per dozen $1.50

WHITE COTTON BED SHEETS, fully bleached and free from dressing. Size 2x2 and regularly sold at $2.25 a pair, on sale Saturday at $1.65

GREY BLANKETS. 20 pairs of these blankets, size 56x72, and sold regularly at $2.75 a pair, will be cleaned out at $2.00

BROWN LINEN TOWELS, regularly sold at $1.50 a dozen, are now selling at, per dozen ..... 60¢

TURKISH TOWELS, white or colored, and a large size. Special each on Saturday ..... 25¢

LINEN ROLLER TOWELLING, regular 10c value for ..... 5¢

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Crockery and Toy Bargains at 7.30 p. m. To-morrow

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KINDERGARTEN TABLES and two chairs. Regular $3.00 values for $1.50

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CLOTH BABY BUGGY COVER, with a lambswool centre. These have pinked edges and an opening for child's face. We recommend this line. Sale price $3.50 and $3.00

BUGGY COVER made of cream cloth and finished with a lambswool centre. Special sale price $2.00

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LOCAL NEWS

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To-day we quote you zero mark in Price Cutting on our Overcoats. All grouped at three prices up to $15.00 now $9.75, up to $22 now $12.75, and $25 to $40 now $16.75. J. N. Harvey, Ltd. •

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Chess Club.—In accordance with the arrangement made when the Chess Club was reorganized last year, the annual meeting will be held to-morrow evening for the election of officers in the club quarters, Lee block.

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Hanna & Thomson, Pandora Ave.—Leading Funeral furnishing house. Connections, Vancouver, New Westminster and Winnipeg. •

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Cedar Hill Social.—The third annual entertainment of Court Douglas No. 9,239 A. O. F., will be held in the Parish hall, Cedar Hill, on Tuesday next. A good programme of music has been arranged to be followed by a dance.

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About Tubs.—The galvanized iron wash tubs are the best because they won't rust, have no hoops to drop off, are light, are durable, are cheap, 90c, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street. •

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Saturday Dancing Club.—The Saturday Dancing Club will hold their regular dance to-morrow in the A. O. F. hall. The management of the club have decided to hold the dances on each and every Saturday for the remainder of the season. Miss Cochrane's orchestra will furnish the latest dance music.

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The Hotel Westholme Cafe special business men's luncheon every weekday at 40c., from 12 to 2. Good foods; quick and correct service. New management in all departments. •

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Benevolent Association.—The ladies of the city are organizing a Ladies Orange Benevolent Association, and are preparing to hold the initial installation on Wednesday, January 31. It is the intention of the committee to hold a concert and dance at the close of the installation, further particulars of which will be given later.

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Skates Ground. — Skates hollow-ground. J. Waites, 644 Fort street. Phone 446. •

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Will Build Soon.—The syndicate operating the new theatre plan for an opera house on Blanchard street at the corner of Broughton street, where the Aberdeen boarding house now stands, expects to break ground on the site before the end of January. The architects are confident that the capital required for construction will be forthcoming from investors, and once started the work will be pushed forward so as to have the building as nearly finished as possible by the opening of the next theatrical season.

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"Nag" Roof Compositions will stop leaks and add years to the life of an old roof. See Newton & Greer Co., 1326 Wharf street. •

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An Enjoyable Evening.—A very pleasant time was spent last evening in Christ Church cathedral schoolroom by the members of the various branches of the Girls' W. A. The Christ Church cathedral branch of the society invited the members of St. John's and St. Saviour's branches to a social evening, and quite a number availed themselves of the opportunity. The guests were welcomed at the door of the schoolroom by Miss Cook, secretary, in the absence of Miss Baynes Reid, president, who was unfortunately unable to attend on account of illness. Rev. Dean Doull delivered an address of welcome to the visitors and his remarks were much appreciated. One of the forms of entertainment provided was a guessing contest and the prizes were won as follows: Mrs. Norrish, first prize; Miss Chafe, second prize; Miss Hill, third prize. At the conclusion of the contest, refreshments were served and the many dainties were thoroughly enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks was voted the members of the Christ Church cathedral branch of the society for the very pleasant evening afforded the members of the other branches.

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Victoria Debating Society. — The Victoria Debating Society held a banquet last night at the K. of P. hall. The members greatly enjoyed the evening and presented the following entertaining and very well delivered programme of songs, speeches, etc.: Speeches were delivered by Mr. Gale (this year's president), and Messrs. Martin and Footner. Songs were sung by Messrs. Wright, Dermot, Hutchison and Ullman. Recitations and readings were contributed by Messrs. Ullman, Taylor, Woodward, Steele and Rolston (hon. secretary). The society holds debates every Thursday evening in the K. of P. hall. The subject of debate next week is: "Resolved, that the time has come for the establishment of an effective Canadian navy."

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Beta Delta Society.—The final sessional meeting of the Beta Delta Society of the Victoria High School was held last night in the assembly hall of the school, and a debate was held on public ownership of public utilities. The hall was crowded, and although the decision of the judges was for the negative debaters, both sides were loudly applauded. The debaters were: G. Campbell and H. Coppock, representing the Junior year, on the affirmative, and F. Clyde and A. Anderson, of the Preliminaries, on the negative. The decision of the judges, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Willis, Mr. Paul and Mr. Pringle, was in favor of the negative, winning by one point. Gold pins were awarded to members who had qualified and a bouquet of flowers was presented to Miss Stewart of the public library. The meeting was addressed by His Worship Mayor Beckwith, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Paul, Mr. Willis, Mr. Pringle, Miss Stewart and Mr. F. G. C. Wood.

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Successful Performance. — Last evening in Semple's hall, Victoria West, the Western Star Amateur Dramatic Society gave a delightful display of talent in the amusing farce, "Her Gloves," all the parts being cleverly sustained, and the merriment continuous from first to last. The story centres round the complications arising from the discovery of a pair of lady's gloves on board young Walter Dillingham's yacht, where the flighty father-in-law and his son have been entertaining an actress. False explanations lead to funny situations, into the spirit of which one and all of the actors entered with zest and appreciation. The play was admirably staged, and will be repeated this evening, a dance following the performance. The following took part: A. E. Cave, as the tactless friend; G. Murdoch, A. J. Clunk, Mrs. M. Russell, J. Oliver, the neighbor; his wife, Miss E. Kennedy; Valiska Bijou, the actress, Miss Ivy Laurie; young Walter's wife, a difficult part played with great discernment, Miss F. Hasenfratz, and smaller parts well played by Miss Powers, Miss E. Kennedy and L. S. Weston.

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"Tom and Jerry," at the Bismarck. •

GREATER VICTORIA SCHEME.

Extension Committee Should Be Reconstituted—How the Question Stands at Present.

If a definite scheme is to be presented and voted upon in the present year in connection with the Greater Victoria proposal it is to be hoped that the Mayor will appoint a new committee on the subject at an early date. Two members of the committee, both of whom were active in attending the meeting at which the proposal was advanced, Aldermen Gleason and Okell, have been re-elected, and, therefore, there should not be any delay in advancing the objects of the movement.

It can hardly be denied that a case will be made out for the annexation of a portion of the populous part of Saanich, and of Esquimalt as far as the naval village, for whatever may be the development of Victoria harbor Esquimalt is bound up with it, and the port improvements should go ahead simultaneously, there being plenty of room for each to expand independently, but yet with a common purpose.

A committee has been appointed for Ward two of Saanich, and apparently the object of the motion passed at the last meeting of the city council to act with Oak Bay through an inter-municipal committee had the same outcome in view, discussion at any rate not pledging anyone to action. The subject deserves early consideration on the part of the new bodies which have just settled down to work for the coming twelve months.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Holds Annual Meeting—Election of Officers.

One of the most enthusiastic and best attended annual meetings of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was held last evening in the lecture room of the church. The Ladies' Aid in their usual style provided a supper, to which one hundred and fifty sat down at 6.30. At 8 o'clock the Rev. W. Leslie Clay took the chair and the reports of the various organizations were presented.

The session reported a satisfactory increase in the membership and drew attention to the gratifying attendances at the Sabbath services. The managers were able to close the year with a

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substantial balance in hand. Similar statements from the other auxiliary societies were received, all showing activity and progress. The eight gentlemen elected to fill vacancies on the board for two years were: Angus McLean, D. D. Muir, A. P. Moffat, A. Polson, W. Simpson, W. Melville, J. W. Bland and W. C. Kerr.

The total amount collected for all purposes during the year was almost $14,000. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, Ladies' Aid, choir and other societies for their efforts during 1911. By a unanimous vote the loving confidence of the congregation was conveyed to the pastor, who suitably replied, acknowledging this happy relationship with the members during a period of 18 years.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 19.—5 a.m.—The barometer falling along the Coast, and indications point to a return to unsettled weather and southerly gales on the Coast. The weather remains cold on the Mainland, and from Northern Alberta eastward to the Great Lakes the temperature is below zero.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly and southerly winds, cloudy, followed by rain to-night or on Saturday.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy, followed by rain or sleet.

Reports at 5 a.m.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.11; temperature, 37; minimum, 35; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 32; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, 8; minimum, 2; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .10; weather, part cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 4 below; minimum, 16 below; wind, [illegible] miles S.; weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 18 below; minimum, 20 below; wind, 4 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:

Temperature.

Highest	40
Lowest	34
Average	37

Bright sunshine, 6 hours.

General state of weather, fair.

Improvements on Douglas Street.—The owner, P. R. Brown, has let a contract for about $14,000 to the Westholme Lumber Company for alterations to the premises on Douglas street, between Fort and Broughton streets, occupied by small stores, and now of obsolete design. The intention is to provide for modern stores, and is another demonstration of the conversion of Douglas street into the central business quarter. Work will be commenced at once.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE GALLERY

John Jardine declared himself yesterday a member of the Conservative party. He omitted any reference to the consideration.

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It is said by Mr. Jardine that the Victoria Times received from the Dominion government $7,123.05 in five years, while Parker Williams says that the Victoria Colonist received from the provincial government $14,000 in one year.

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John Jardine certifies to the class of work done on the Island section of the Canadian Northern Pacific. Mackenzie & Mann will please reciprocate by certifying that Jardine's painting on the quarantine buildings were equally first class and the prices fair.

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Of course Victoria will prosper when the Liberal policy in respect to breakwater construction and the improvement of the harbor is carried out by the present government at Ottawa. That goes without saying.

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Years ago the Liberals in the legislature urged that all land and timber should be surveyed by the province before alienation. William Manson's remarks anent overlapping and confusion of various claims proves how foolish the government was in rejecting the advice. But then the McBride government never was wise.

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The Mansons are close critics of the government they support. William Manson declares the roads provided by the government in the Skeena district are inadequate. And as he is not satisfied—who is?—with the administration of justice in the province he will undoubtedly receive a "wigging" from the attorney-general. And another Manson, from Comox, says the forestry commission heard only one side of the story in regard to hand-loggers' licenses.

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Hon. Mr. Ross declares that the government has a land policy. Several years ago Mr. Bowser condensed it into a single sentence, thus: "We must give the speculator a chance."

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Mr. Ross says the government land policy is "making for the conservation of the lands of the province." Mr. Ross' idea of "conservation" is the placing of the lands in the hands of his Conservative friends.

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This province needs a land policy which will make the lands productive.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Annual Meeting Held Last Evening—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the members of First Baptist church took place last evening and proved to be the best in the history of the organization. Supper was served by the Ladies' Aid Society at 7 p.m., the business session following at about 8 o'clock. Before leaving the tables a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the ladies on motion of H. C. Brewster, M. P. P., and Chas. Glasser. A pleasing event included in this portion of the programme was the presentation of hand-

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some umbrellas to A. J. Clyde, church treasurer, and J. W. H. King, church clerk, for their years of valuable and faithful service rendered. Short addresses eulogizing the recipients were given by Mayor J. L. Beckwith and Dr. W. Russell, to which grateful replies were made.

The financial report for the year gave the total receipts from all sources at $7,500. The church treasurer reported $5,498.76 as passing through his books. Of this amount $1,282.75 was contributed for missions and benevolent purposes. The report of the clerk gave the membership as 319, of which 46 are non-resident. The various auxiliary departments of the church reported receipts for the year as follows: Ladies' Aid Society, $639.30; Women's Circle, $166.70; Young People's Union, $43.10; First Sunday school, $282.13; Men's Baraca Class, $236.65; Elnaam Bible Class, $37.20; Victoria West Mission, $128.78; Burnside Mission Sunday school and preaching services, $723.07.

The election of officers took place as follows: Life deacons, D. G. Walker, D. P. Pickard and C. R. King; two years, Alfred Few, W. B. Shaw, W. P. Robinson; one year, R. B. Elliot, T. E. Reason; W. Russell and J. W. H. King, trustees; three years, H. C. Brewster, M. P. P.; Geo. Stevens, Charles H. Blasser; two years, James Middleton, A. Small, W. H. Spofford; one year, J. L. Beckwith, F. D. T. Hodges, W. Dinsmore; church clerk, J. W. H. King; church treasurer, A. J. Clyde; envelope steward, W. P. Robinson; representative of denominational paper, Miss M. Few. The salaried officials and committees are to be appointed by the executive committee at their first meeting. During the evening a strong and representative building committee was selected, and it is hoped and expected that preparation and plans for the new building to be erected on the site recently purchased will be proceeded with forthwith. The missionary work of the church is to be pushed forward during the ensuing year, and an active committee was elected to ensure a successful undertaking of this department.

A large number of members attended, and the spirit of harmony and fellowship manifested during the meeting augurs well for the future work of the church. The pastor, Rev. John B. Warnicker, B. A., occupied the chair.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Very Successful Year Shown by Reports—Pastor's Impending Retirement.

Last evening First Presbyterian congregation held its annual meeting, which was the largest in the history of the church. The Rev. Dr. Campbell presided. The statement of the session and the reports of the Board of Management, Sabbath School, Ladies' Aid Society, Women's Missionary Society, Adult Bible Class, Laymen's Missionary Committee and Choir were very satisfactory, showing that excellent work was done during the year, and without exception showed a good balance on the credit side. This is a record year in the amount contributed to missions. The congregation is well organized, and the prospects with the progress of the city are very optimistic.

The managers whose terms expired and were re-elected were: Messrs. J. J. Gillis, D. A. Fraser, Capt. Gould, and J. Forman. E. J. Martin having left the town R. Morrison was elected in his place, and J. O. Perry, whose work will call him out of the city much of the year, resigned, and in his place was elected H. Sargison. A building committee was appointed with Mr. McBride as chairman, to secure plans and all necessary data for a new church, to be submitted in due time to the congregation for its approval. The church is to be erected as soon as possible, and to be in all its appointments up-to-date. The large site secured is one of the best in the city, at the corner of Quadra and Fisguard streets.

Dr. Campbell having a week ago intimated to the session that he intends to retire from the pastorate of First church, the session, at the termination of his 20 years' service, unanimously agreed to recommend the congregation to make him a gratuity in recognition of his excellent work of $5,000. This was unanimously endorsed by the board, and after many appreciative addresses by members it was ratified by a standing vote of the large assembly present. After the conclusion of the business the ladies served refreshments, and the meeting, one of the most pleasant in the history of the church, was closed by the singing of the Doxology.

HAZELTON FIASCO.

Government to Be Asked Its Intentions Towards Purchasers of Lots.

In connection with the sale of lands in South Hazelton townsite, which was held here a month ago, the day before a railway commission judgment made it plain that no G. T. P. station would be placed at that point, H. C. Brewster will on Monday ask the Minister of Lands the following questions:

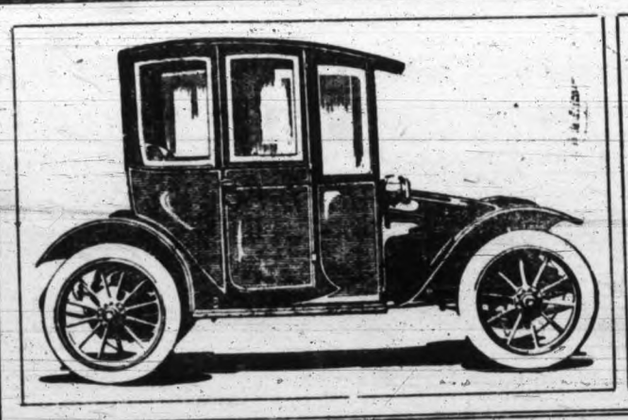
1. Has the government sold any town lots in district lot 851, known as South Hazelton?

2. If so, was any intimation given to the purchasers of these lots that a station would be established there by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company?

3. Has the government received any information that the Railway Commission of Canada has ordered the station in question placed on another section, some distance from district lot 851?

4. If so, does the government intend to refund the monies paid by purchasers of lots?

5. If not, does the government intend to take any further action in the matter?



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NEWS OF SPORT

RACE FOR MACNEILL CUP ALMOST ASSURED

CLUBS ALL ACCEPT THE RESTRICTED RULES

Victoria and Seattle Will Build Yachts and Vancouver Will Undoubtedly Do Likewise

There is every indication that international yacht racing on the coast will be resumed this year despite all reports to the contrary. All three clubs, Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle, have accepted the plans for the proposed new racer to be built under restricted rules and the Victoria yachtsmen at least feel sure that a race will be held in Vancouver on July 1.

It will be remembered that delegates from the Royal Vancouver, the Royal Victoria and Seattle yacht clubs met in Victoria recently and the Vancouver representatives submitted certain plans for a proposed style of boat for Alexandra Cup competitions; and after considerable discussion it was decided that the respective committees should recommend this plan to their various clubs.

That was done and the Seattle club accepted it without question, but the Victoria club asked for one or two changes which would better suit the boat for racing in local waters. In the meantime word was received from Vancouver to the effect that it was impossible to get any change in the deed of trust governing the Alexandra trophy. The yachtsmen there felt, however, that it was immaterial what the trophy was if only friendly relations were promoted between American and Canadian clubs, and suggested that the Macneill trophy take the place of the Alexandra Cup and that a cash prize be determined upon by all parties.

The Seattle club have fallen in with this without demur as a letter from G. C. Congdon informed Captain Jarvis, secretary of the Victoria club, yesterday, and so also have the Victoria yachtsmen, despite the fact that their request for certain changes had apparently been overlooked. As that was no doubt because their letter to Vancouver arrived a little late, and it is felt that nothing should be put in the way of a renewal of friendly relations between the clubs of the two countries, the matter will be allowed to drop, and it is altogether likely that a yacht will be built here in accordance with the rules as set forth.

There is, therefore, no reason why a race for the Macneill trophy should not be held at the international regatta of the North Pacific Yacht Racing Association to be held in Vancouver next July.

In his letter to Captain Jarvis Mr. Congdon, of the Seattle Yacht Club, stated that upon the return from Victoria of the Seattle representatives a report was submitted to the directors and the committee given full power to submit the plans for the boat to the architects for their opinion. This was done and replies received from the architects with the general result that, with the exception of minor changes, the plan of a boat as outlined by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club was acceptable and would produce a boat costing about $2,000.

If both Victoria and Seattle clubs build most surely Vancouver will do likewise, so that the race is almost assured.

The prospects of the racing season of 1912 are held to be very rosy by the members of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. With peace, harmony and good fellowship existing between all the clubs of the Pacific Northwest, and the local club becoming more powerful every day, some good races should be seen in these waters in the future.

With regard to the report that the Spirit II. of Seattle was to be remodelled for a race in 1912 with the Alexandra trophy, the Vancouver World has this to say:

Some unsophisticated landlubber writer down in Seattle had a dream to the effect that the Geary-designed freak racer Spirit II. was to be remodelled and would challenge for the Alexandra Cup this year. The Spirit II. was the real cause of the rupture between the Canadian and American yachtsmen three years ago, and the proposed 24-foot restricted class was the first definite attempt to heal this breach. Now there are several reasons why the Spirit II. or any other American-built yacht will not sail for the Alexandra trophy this year, but the enumeration of two very conclusive reasons will be amply sufficient. In the first place, the only way to make the Spirit II. eligible for the 29-foot class would be to completely rebuild her from her rule-evading keel right up—and it would be cheaper and probably more lasting to build a new boat entirely. In the second place no American yacht club sent in a challenge for the Alexandra Cup in time. The intention to compete for the trophy must be sent in by the club under whose colors the challenger will sail not later than six months prior to the trial races. That means by December 31. There was no challenge from any American yacht club in the hands of the Alexandra Cup trustees here by that time—or since. The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club put in a protective challenge before the expiration of the time limit, just in the hope that there would be a race and some new American challenger built. Vain hope. So once and for all it is puerile piffle to talk of there being a series of races for the Alexandra Cup this year.

It has been proved by instantaneous photography that a horse at full trot sometimes has its four feet off the ground at once.

VICTORIA "PROS" HAVE SNAP IN V.I. LEAGUE

If They Win To-morrow They Can Hardly Be Headed Off

The Victoria professional soccer team will travel to Nanaimo on Sunday to play the Nanaimo City eleven in an Island League fixture. The game was to have been played last Sunday, but the bursting of a few pipes and the consequent flooding of the field prevented it.

There is little doubt that the locals will win. They have shown that they are in a class by themselves as far as anything on the Island is concerned and should take the championship without trouble. A victory to-morrow will put them where they can hardly be headed off, as they have already won three games to Nanaimo United's one and Nanaimo City's none.

When they have grabbed all the honors on the Island they will stack up against the strongest team the Mainland can produce and again the result is almost obvious. If Victoria doesn't walk away with the B. C. title it will only be because of some freak of chance. The team for Sunday will be chosen from the following: Horn, Newlands, Wilson, Ferris, "Scot" Harley, McLeod, W. Miller, Wilkie, Thomas, Pickering, Muir, Whittaker and Campbell.

The following players will represent Nanaimo.

Goal, Walker; backs, Killeen, Maxwell; halves, Dawron, D. Flockhart, T. Flockhart; forwards, English, Young, Busby, Robinson, Langford; reserves, Bowen, Drake; referee, W. Burnipp.

United for Cumberland.

Nanaimo, Jan. 19.—On Sunday the Nanaimo United will travel to Cumberland to fill a B. C. League fixture. Providing they secure the two points they will have an excellent chance of topping the league, as both Victoria and Cumberland have lost games in the series.

GRASS HOCKEY PRACTICE.

The Victoria grass hockey team will hold a practive at the Albion Cricket grounds to-morrow afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock, at which all the players are requested to be present. The team has two games on next month and it behooves the members to get in as much practice as possible.

(Additional Sport on page 9.)

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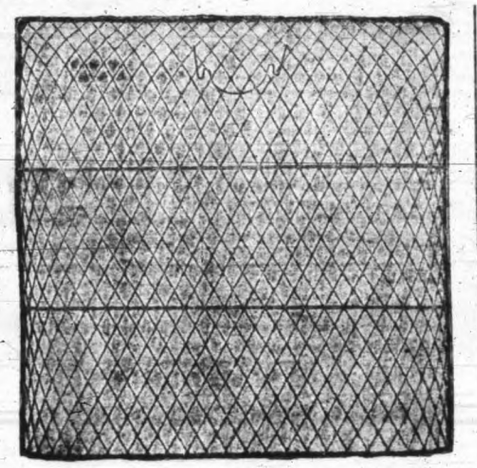

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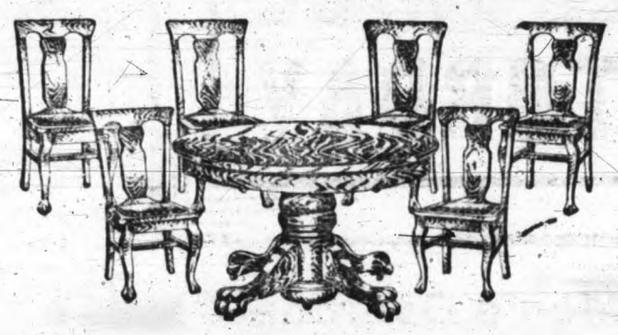

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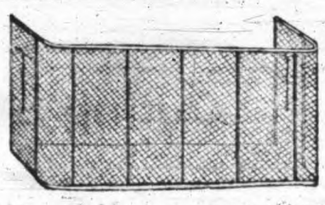

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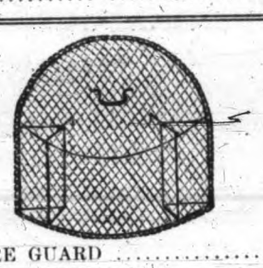

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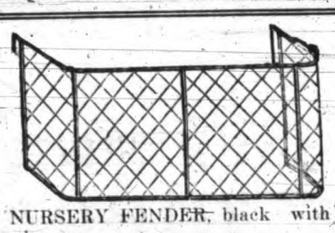

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SAILS FROM CARDIFF FULL OF WELSH COAL

Princess Patricia Reported Leaving Cardiff To-day Bound for St. Vincent.

Cablegrams received this morning by the officials of the B. C. Service state that the steamer Princess Patricia left Cardiff to-day for this port via the Straits of Magellan. The vessel has been at the Welsh port for some day taking on a large shipment of South Wales coal to enable her to make the run to St. Vincent. She left Greenock a couple of weeks ago and until word was received here to-day it was understood that she was making the run from the Clyde to St. Vincent direct and word of her arrival there was expected any day.

Further details of the vessel's engines have just been received here. The engine equipment consists of three separate turbines, each driving its own line of shafting, the centre turbine being high pressure, the others low pressure. At the ordinary steaming speed, the centre shaft gives 700 and the other shafts 1,000 a minute. This high velocity renders it necessary to employ a number of screw propellors of comparatively small diameter, rather than one or two of large diameter at the stern, as usual. This vessel has five propellers, one about 4 feet diar. on the centre line of shafting, and two of 3 foot diar. on each of the side lines of shafting. Steam is supplied by a double ended cylindrical Scotch boiler at 150 lbs. pressure. In her builders' trials she attained a speed of 21.63 knots an hour.

The Clyde Turbine Steamers Co., Ltd., from which company the C. P. R. has purchased the vessel, reports a minimum of repairs to her machinery during the nine years of operating.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

From the Orient.

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Chicago Maru	Jan. 25
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From Australia.

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Titan	Jan. 20

From Mexico.

Beckenham	Jan. 23

From Antwerp.

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For the Orient.

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For Mexico.

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COASTWISE STEAMERS.

From San Francisco.

Queen	Jan. 25
Umatilla	Feb. 1

From Northern B. C. Ports.

Prince Rupert	Jan. 21
Venture	Jan. 24
Vadso	Jan. 31
Princess Beatrice	Jan. 31

From Skagway.

Princess May	Jan. 24

For San Francisco.

Umatilla	Jan. 24
Queen	Jan. 31

For Skagway.

Princess May	Jan. 26

For Northern B. C. Ports.

Prince Rupert	Jan. 22
Venture	Jan. 25
Vadso	Feb. 1
Princess Beatrice	Feb. 2

For the West Coast.

Tees	Jan. 20

For Nanaimo.

Princess Mary	Jan. 23

For East Coast.

Queen City	Jan. 23

ENTERS ANOTHER PLEA.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A plea for free tolls for American ships through the Panama Canal was made by J. A. McGregor, of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, before the House committee on interstate commerce yesterday and met a stormy reception in that committee. Members of the committee intimated that remission of tolls to American ships would not only involve the United States in difficulties with other countries but that it would be doubtful it if would aid much in building up an American merchant marine. Mr. McGregor thought it would.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Jan. 19, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Cloudy, calm, 29.08, 34, sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Overcast, calm, 30.12, 35, sea smooth.

Tatoosh—Cloudy, wind east 32 miles, 30.04, 42, sea rough. In steamer Umatilla at 7.25 p. m., Admiral Sampson at 7.50 p. m., out Watson at midnight, steam schooner at 6.20 a. m., Governor at 7.50 a. m.

Pachena—loudy, calm, 29.80, 29, sea smooth. Spoke Curacoa at 7 a. m. due here at 9 a. m., southbound.

Estevan—Overcast, wind S. E. light, 29.66, 47, sea moderate.

Triangle—Cloudy, raining wind S. E., 29.07, 25, sea rough.

Noon.

Point Grey—Cloudy, calm, thick seaward, 30.10, 35, sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Overcast, calm, 30.07, 37, sea smooth.

Tatoosh—Cloudy, wind east 21 miles, 30.06, sea moderate. Out schooner Albert and barkentine Cocoa Head towing at 10.20 a. m.

Estevan—Overcast, wind, S. E., 29.11, 42, dense seaward.

Triangle—Foggy, wind S. E., 29.11, 42, sea smooth.

Ikeda—Raining, wind S. E., strong gale, 29.22, 40, sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy, calm, 29.74, 22, sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Misty, wind S. E., sea moderate.

BLUE FUNNEL LINER DUE IN LATE TO-DAY

Titan Arriving From Liverpool Via Orient—Many Steamships Arrive To-morrow

Late this afternoon the Blue Funnel liner Titan is expected to arrive at William Head from Liverpool via the Orient. She will come up to the outer docks between 5 and 6 o'clock to disembark a number of Chinese passengers and late in the evening will proceed to Tacoma, for which port she has a silk cargo worth a quarter of a million dollars. She will return to this port about Tuesday of next week to unload 1,500 tons of general freight, the majority of which is from the Old Country.

Another steamship is expected in port to-morrow from the Orient, the R. M. S. Monteagle, Capt. Davison, which has a large number of passengers and a valuable cargo. She has been reported by wireless but has given no definite time as to when she will arrive. There is only about one hundred tons of freight consigned to Victoria and it is understood that the liner will proceed to Victoria after her passengers have landed and unload the local cargo there to be reshipped here.

Laden down to her capacity with general freight, including principally wheat, flour, cotton and machinery, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Mexico Maru, Capt. Kyubashi, will sail from the outer docks to-morrow afternoon for the Orient. Advices have been received by the local agents of the line stating that the Chicago Maru, Capt. Goto, sailed from Yokohama on January 9, and will dock here on Thursday of next week. She has 350 tons of freight for Victoria and 27 steerage passengers.

To-morrow it is also expected that the steamship Pyrja, under charter to the Weir line, will arrive from the Orient and the steamship Damara, with nitrate for the chemical works, from the west coast of South America.

A VALUABLE HAUL.

"You say your jewels were stolen while the family was at dinner?"

"No, no. This is an important robbery, officer. Our dinner was stolen while we were putting on our jewels."

With big shipments of general freight for New York via Salina Cruz, the American-Hawaiian liner Nebraskan sailed from Tacoma Wednesday.

Zero Mark on Overcoat Prices. Read large ad. page 9. J. N. Harvey. *

MAIDEN TRIP WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

ALICE MADE 15 KNOTS USING THREE BOILERS

Everyone Pleased With Result—Many People Visit Steamer at Terminal City

To say that the C. P. R. officials who made the maiden trip to Vancouver on the new steamer Princess Alice, Capt. Hunter, were exceedingly pleased at the splendid performance of the vessel is speaking in mild terms. They were in fact extremely gratified at the return trip from the Terminal City when the Alice with only three boilers working maintained a speed of fifteen knots. When it is considered that this is practically the first real test that the steamer's engines have had since she arrived in these waters, the performance of the Alice is all the more creditable.

At 1 o'clock on Thursday morning the new Princess backed out from her pier and commenced her maiden trip to the Terminal City. She did not carry any passengers over, the officials of the company sending the Princess Royal at the usual hour, but on the return trip 153 travellers came across the Gulf on her. Only two boilers were used going to Vancouver, and she arrived there shortly before 8 o'clock. Except for a little fog when nearing the entrance to the Narrows the weather was perfect for the inaugural trip.

As it was her first visit to Vancouver many of the residents of that city went aboard her during the time she was in port. Nearly everyone expressed the opinion that in most respects the Alice was slightly superior to her sister ship, the Princess Adelaide. Yesterday many new hats were wagered that the new steamer would beat the Adelaide in speed when she was in perfect running order, but while there are many shipping men who pin their faith on the Alice, there are others who will back the older vessel, believing that with oil she will be able to snatch the speed laurels of Puget Sound.

Speaks of Performance.

Speaking on the inaugural trip of the Princess Alice, James McGowan, superintendent engineer of the B. C. coast service, stated that in every way it was satisfactory, and that he was well pleased with the working of the engines. "With three boilers we obtained 125 revolutions per minute," he said, "but with the other boilers in commission we expect to develop 150. We have not yet placed the oil-burning apparatus in perfect working order, but after a little adjustment we hope to have it running properly. The English oil systems are more complicated than the American, and they use a finer oil than we do here. As a result we will have to experiment until we discover the kind of tips which will produce the finest blaze with the oil which we use.

"The system installed on the Alice is the Wallsend patent system of burning oil. It is a mechanical system and no steam jet is required in the furnaces. So pleased is the company with the new steamer's burners that it has been decided to equip the Princess Victoria with the Dahl system, which is similar to the Old Country system. The absence of smoke is one pleasing feature of the Alice's burners. Coming from Vancouver we made the run from dock to dock in five hours and ten minutes, which I consider is highly satisfactory under the conditions."

Free From Vibration.

While the big engineers of Great Britain have for many years been experimenting in order to find some means for the eliminating of the vibration aboard a steamer, up till the arrival of the Princess Alice they have failed to send to this coast a vessel which does not jar to a certain extent. With the new steamer everything is as steady as a rock, and this will be pleasing to those who will travel on the vessel at nights, more so than to those who journey in the day time. With the engines going at full speed ahead there is not the slightest signs of vibration. One can turn into his bunk and sleep contently without feeling that peculiar motion as though his bed was suspended on a number of springs. The thuds of the engines as they revolve so rapidly, while not altogether done away with, has been minimized to a great extent. In the dining room where the vibration is generally felt at its worst the water in glasses on the Alice failed to show any perceptible motion. As one is reposing peacefully in the saloon or observation room, or perchance is taking a smoke in the handsomely finished smoking room, he can view the scenery of both coasts and not be disturbed in his thoughts by the jarring of everything in the room.

If there are persons who fail to see anything which warrants the decision of many that the Alice is superior to the Adelaide they should make but one trip on the new steamer and then no doubt they would be willing to concede a point. There is a total absence of smoke from the Alice's mammoth funnel and passengers are afforded an excellent opportunity to walk around her boat deck without being covered with soot. One of the officers attempted a number of times to see which way the wind was blowing by the smoke, but there was not sufficient issuing from the big chimney to permit him to do so.

Port Steward Pleased.

J. S. Byron, port steward of the B. C. coast service, who made the trip on the Alice, was another who was well pleased with the Princess Alice. In connection with his department Mr. Byron said: "Everything in connection with our department went off without a hitch. You would have thought that the Alice had been in service five years instead of just making her maiden trip. The fact that she resembles so closely the Princess Adelaide enabled us to have everything prepared for the trip. I consider the bridal chambers aboard this ship to be about as fine as you could find on any ship on the Pacific coast. The grill is not yet in operation, but we will have it ready when she enters on the triangular run next Tuesday."

Other Things Will Fly.

Naturally a highly pleased officer aboard the Alice is Chief Engineer Petticrew, who looks after that big engine as he would a child. The fact that the steamer made such a creditable run yesterday was due in no small degree to the competent chief. While she was laid up he had everything apart and placed it in such a condition that the Alice was able to keep the speed of the other steamers on her first trip. When told that during the day many hats had been wagered that the Adelaide would speed away from the Alice and in fact when she had her oil-burners installed would simply fly, Chief Engineer Petticrew, in his modest manner simply said as he wiped the sweat from his forehead: "Yes, and probably we'll see other things fly too."

Jolly Lot of Officers.

Perhaps not another ship in the fleet has such a competent and genial list of officers as the new steamer Princess Alice. On the bridge, in the engine-room, in the purser-office and the steward department are men of long standing in the C. P. R. It has been a promotion for a number of the officers on the Alice and yesterday nearly everyone wore a happy and contented smile. Capt. R. A. Hunter, of the Princess Adelaide, which is now at Seattle having oil-burners installed, is at present in command of the steamer.

Next in rank comes Chief Officer O. H. Perry, who joined the service of the C. P. R. four years ago as mate on the river steamer Transfer. Later he went on the Beaver and a couple of years ago was transferred to the Princess Victoria as second officer. From that position he stepped to first officer on the Charmer and on the arrival of the Adelaide from England was promoted to the same capacity on her. Promotion has also overtaken First Officer Thomas Cliff once more. Six years ago he joined the company as deckhand on the City of Nanaimo and worked his way up on her until he became second officer. He was then given a similar position on the Amur and later made second officer on the Princess Victoria. From the old flyer he has stepped into the first officer's room on the Alice. Second Officer Palmer came to this coast on the Alice from England and when he decided to remain here was given that position by the officials of the company.

In the engine room Chief Officer Petticrew presides while his assistants are as follows, Second Engineer W. Rowe, of the Princess Royal; Third Engineer W. Jordan and Fourth Engineer R. S. Smith, who came out on the steamer.

A man who has filled the purser office of nearly every ship in the B. C. Coast Service is A. Bird, purser of the Princess Alice. He has for many years served the C. P. R. and is one of its most competent pursers. Under him are A. N. Taylor, L. B. Edwards and L. Gleason.

The task of providing meals for the passengers and looking after all other details of the steward's department has been left in the capable hands of G. W. Woollett, the oldest steward in the employ of the C. P. R. Wireless Operator Carmichael, who arrived on the Alice from England, is staying with the ship.

Whenever the officials of the C. P. R. become the hosts of newspapermen they have the reputation of providing them with nothing but the best and it is almost unnecessary to say that the Times' representative on the maiden trip was well looked after.

MARINE NOTES

This morning the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Barney Johnson, left Prince Rupert for Vancouver and Victoria.

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Advices received here from Yokohama announce the arrival of the steamship Henley, Capt. Masters, at Yokohama on Wednesday. She carried a fuel cargo of cotton from Tacoma.

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With passengers and freight from Skagway and way ports the steamship Humboldt, of the Humboldt Steamship Company, arrived in Seattle this morning.

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Bound for Grays harbor to load piling for San Pedro, the schooner Fred E. Sander sailed from Eagle harbor yesterday.

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WILL TRY TO SOLVE COLLISION MYSTERY

Officers of Strathalbyn to Be Summoned by Inspectors—Flyer Men Testify

Seattle, Jan. 19.—In an effort to solve the mystery surrounding the collision of the steamships Virginian and Strathalbyn last Friday night, United States Steamboat Inspectors Whitney and Turner will summon the officers of the Strathalbyn. While the local inspectors have the power to subpoena the English officers, they cannot make them testify unless these officers desire, as they have no power to punish them in case of a refusal.

It is believed, however, that the officers of the Strathalbyn will appear voluntarily before the board as soon as the survey of the vessel now being made at Tacoma is finished.

Capt. James Burns, of the Flyer; Harry Ashworth, lookout on the Flyer, and Al. Crowley, quartermaster, were unable to shed any light upon the failure of the officers of the Virginian to see the Strathalbyn as the night was clear, they testified yesterday, and they had no difficulty in making out both masthead and sidelights which the steamships carry.

Capt. Crere, of the Strathalbyn, having consented to testify, swore this morning that the vessel's electric apparatus was out of commission on the night of the collision, for the first time in years, and that oil lamps were substituted. Capt. Penfield, of the Virginian, testified that he had made note some time before the collision of the flickering and generally deceptive character of the Strathalbyn's lights, and had remarked to his quartermaster that the Strathalbyn would be in luck if she escaped a collision. The testimony of both witnesses was favorable to the Virginian.

QUEEN CITY FINDING ON THURSDAY NEXT

Evidence of Man at the Wheel Completes Hearing of Case

The inquiry into the stranding of the Queen City was concluded yesterday afternoon the evidence showed that while the Queen City was on the night of December 12 going full speed ahead, and headed for Dunsmuir point, Alberni canal, the chief officer gave the man at the wheel orders to starboard his helm, to steady, and then sent the ship full speed astern because he saw she would not clear the point. What doubt as to who was to blame for the fact that she did not occupy a position to safely clear the point was partly cleared by the evidence of the quartermaster who said the wheel had to be turned over twice to bring the ship steady, and the evidence of the night watchman who relieved the quartermaster and was at the wheel, that he turned the wheel over only two or three spokes.

The finding of the court will be given on Thursday morning next at 10:30 a. m. the interim being occupied in a transcription of the evidence and the preparation of the finding. Meantime the certificates of the master and the chief officer of the Queen City are resting with the court but the master and his officer are not relieved from duty and are instructed that they can continue as before. It was the general belief at the inquiry yesterday that the certificates would be returned.

The manners of the seamen of the Olivebank and the Invernesshire and the food on board did not appeal to the instincts and palate of Patrick Wallace, night watchman of the Queen City, when he was ordinary seaman aboard those vessels, and he gave those reasons to the court yesterday for having run away from both. Of his four years at sea he had much preferred the Norwegian ships, where the people were of the kind that appealed to him, and he also appreciated the kind of ship's complement carried by Capt. Gillam on the Queen City. He had no discharges for his four years' work at sea and admitted he had run away from ships. His evidence in regard to the Queen City was that he was at the wheel and when he got the order to steady, only put the wheel over two or three spokes. He could not say why he had not put it over more, but he distinctly remembered the chief officer giving the orders as told by that officer in his evidence.

Of the assessors comprising the court, Capt. Gaudin is the only one who has had experience of Alberni canal, and the assessors therefore, invited evidence from all parties as to the nature of the passage. As there were none present who desired to give information R. C. Lowe made an appeal on behalf of the chief officer and maintained that he could not be blamed for the accident. The court then adjourned.

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Portland, Ore.—Arrived: Beaver, San Francisco; Sue H. Elmore, Tillamook; Wasp, San Francisco.

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RUGBY GAMES SHOULD BE WORTH WATCHING

Oak Bays Will Hook Up With Surveyors and J. B. A. A. With Students

Two fast and interesting Rugby games should be served up at the Oak Bay park to-morrow when the Law Students and James Bays meet and the Surveyors hook up with the Oak Bays. The first game, between the former two, starts at 2 and the second at 3.

Football fans throughout the city are beginning to wake up to the fact that the city Rubgy league is providing some very good exhibitions of the great English game, and if the weather holds fine until to-morrow a crowd of rooters will undoubtedly turn out to Oak Bay.

The Surveyors and Law Students are favorites, but, considering the grand struggle the Oak Bays with two men short made against the Students last Saturday, they ought to give the Surveyors plenty of work to-morrow. Of course the members of the latter team are the more experienced Rugby players, or the most of them are at any rate, and if the grounds are in good condition they may show their opponents up. There is no doubt that the muddy condition of the field contributed largely towards the good play of the Oak Bays last Saturday. Their forwards are a hard fighting, soccer playing bunch for the most part, and made better headway through the mud than did the Students. However, they can always be depended upon to make things interesting, and as, with a full team on the field, the James Bays are capable of giving the Law Students a stomach full, both games will be worth watching which ever way they go.

The Teams.

Oak Bay—Full back, Steele; three-quarters, F. Nason, Tuohy, Clarke and McDickson; halves, O. Nason and McInnes; forwards, Spence, Arbuckle, Frank Sweeney, Brynjolfsen, Miller, R. Whyte, McCallum and Thomas.

James Bays—Full back, Johnson; three-quarters, Scott, McDonald, Fairweather and Wylde; halves, Newcombe and Wade; forwards, Houston, Helmckey, Matthews, Day, Brown, Gregg, Wood and Leo Sweeney. Spares, Heyland, J. Sweeney and Flint.

Law Students—Full back, Shires; three-quarters, Galliher, Stewart, Ogden and Martin; halves, T. Stewart and Morton; forwards, Yeoman, Beckton, W. Ross, Norris, Monteith, H. Ross, Pilkington, M. Milligan (capt.). Spares, Boggs, Ambery and White.

Surveyors—Back, Williams; three-quarters, R. E. Meredith, Allan, H. Whyte and Snewan; halves, A. Gillespie and S. Rich; forwards, R. Gillespie, S. Gillespie, R. M. Benson, J. M. Simpson, C. E. Straker, A. S. Jones, J. Benson and A. L. Moston.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

Rugby Football.

James Bays vs. Students, 2 o'clock; Oak Bays vs. Surveyors, 3 o'clock, at Oak Bay. Referees, F. A. Sparks and Billy Newcombe.

Soccer Football.

First Division.

Sons of England vs. Garrison at the Beacon Hill park. Referee, W. Miller.

James Bay vs. Victoria West, at Oak Bay park. Referee, Mr. Pearson.

Second Division.

North Ward vs. Victoria West, at North Ward Park. Referee, W. Wilson.

Junior League.

High school vs. North Ward, at North Ward park.

All matches start at 2.30 o'clock.

Ice Hockey.

Prairie Club vs. Wests, at Arena 7.30 p.m.

Hunt Club Run.

Members will meet at exhibition grounds and start will be made from Cadbora Bay road school house at 2.30.

Grass Hockey.

Victoria ladies vs. High school girls. Practice match at Oak Bay.

Sunday's Football.

Victoria professional eleven vs. Nanaimo City, at Nanaimo.

TRY-OUTS AT STANFORD.

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—Tryouts for the Olympic games at Stockholm will be held on May 18, according to the plans adopted last night by the Pacific Association of Amateur Athletic Union. Stanford is favored as the site as the condition of the new track now building in the stadium, may not be satisfactory.

John Elliott, as chairman of the committee appointed by the American Olympic committee to look after coast tryouts, will call a meeting to ratify the arrangements. Elliott appointed P. C. Gerhardt as his representative in conferring with the northern clubs. Gerhardt will leave to-morrow night, meeting T. M. Dunne, of the Multnomah club, in Portland and A. S. Goldsmith, of the Seattle Athletic Club.

LADIES' HOCKEY OFF.

Owing to the rainy and cold weather in Vancouver the grass hockey match, which was to have been played there between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies to-morrow, has been postponed. The local ladies will hold a practice with the High School girls instead.

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CITY SOCCER IS ALMOST ALL IN

A CLOSE FINISH IN THE SECOND DIVISION

S. O. E. and Garrison Will Battle for Glory—The Junior Race

The city football series is just about run out and in a week or so the Victoria and District Soccer Association will close up shop for the season. Of course, there will be a little social time some night or other in the near future to celebrate the event of the new champions.

The Garrison have won the senior championship, of which the Alderman Okell cup is emblematic, and the Wests and Wards are running neck and neck for the wire in the second division. To-morrow's game between these two teams will finish the race one way or the other. If the Wests win or draw they will annex the silverware, whereas the Wards must win to come out ahead. The junior series will run on for a couple of weeks, owing to the number of games which have been postponed. To-morrow the High School and North Wards will meet at the Ward park on the smaller pitch and on the following two Saturdays the Wests and High School will play off two postponed matches. Just now the teams are all tied up in a knot. Each has four points but it is a good bet that the school boys will retain the championschip, for they have three games to play against the Wests' two and the Wards' one.

Battle For Glory.

To-morrow at the Beacon Hill park the Sons of England will take the champions on in a battle for glory and nothing else. The Sons want to take another crack at the soldiers before the season closes and a postponed game gives them the opportunity. Another senior league game will be played at the Oak Bay park between the James Bays and Victoria West. Owing to the fact that their scheduled games have on both occasions happened to fall on rainy days these two teams have not met this season.

Standing of Teams.

First Garrison.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garrison	7	1	1	15
North Ward	5	2	2	12
Victoria West	4	4	0	8
Sons of England	3	5	0	6
James Bay	2	4	1	5
Foresters	1	6	2	4

Second Division.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Victoria West	6	1	0	12
North Ward	5	1	1	11
Foresters	3	4	1	7
James Bay	2	4	0	4
Garrison	2	5	0	4

Junior League—	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
North Ward	2	3	0	4
Victoria West	2	2	0	4
High School	2	1	0	4

The teams for the game at the Royal Athletic park to-morrow follow:

Garrison.—Goal, Beaney; fullbacks, Elton and Jones; halfbacks, Vincent, Wyllie, Brown; forwards, Ward, Greatorex, Gale, Stevens, Buxton.

Sons of England.—Goal, Loveridge; backs, Perry and Maxwell; halves, Waring, Greenhalg, Captain C. Martin; forwards, right wing, Thackeray and Langton; centres, Alcock; left wing, Thomas and Douglas. Reserves, Freeman, Attwell, Wedgwood.

Morley Cup Series.

The Amateur Island League will open a week to-morrow with a game between the James Bay and Garrison, the Sons of England and the Wards and the Y. M. C. A. and Wests. Whether the league will have a more successful season than it had in the year of its inception remains to be seen. From this distance it hardly looks as if the series can have a clean cut finish, as it extends well on towards May and is butting into the lacrosse season. However, if the interest can be sustained and the clubs keep their men in line everything may go along smoothly.

ANXIOUS FOR RACE.

Seattle Yachtsmen Will Lend Their Aid in Promoting International Racing Again.

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—That the Seattle Yacht Club intends to lend its aid in promoting international racing again is evident from particulars which have reached here of a meeting held recently by that club when a letter from the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club was dealt with.

The Seattle yachtsmen feel that it is immaterial what kind of a boat is produced as long as friendly relations with Vancouver are renewed and the races promoted again.

It is a safe prediction that Seattle will build a boat to compete under the restricted rules at Vancouver this July for the Sound yachtsmen are showing enthusiasm over the idea and are apparently anxious to make amends for the trouble which marred the regatta of 1909.

STEAMER FOR OLYMPIC ATHLETES.

New York, Jan. 19.—The American Olympic games athletes will travel to Stockholm in a steamer chartered for their especial use. Negotiations are now in progress between the American team and the ship which is regarded as suitable for the purpose. The vessel will anchor in the harbor while the games are in progress and will be used as home and dining for the athletes. Many officials will take their families and there is a possibility of a very large party enjoying their excursion.

BROWN UNABLE TO LAND TO ADVANTAGE

Attell Bested "Knockout" Easily and Was Awarded a Popular Verdict

New York, Jan. 19.—Abe Attell bested "Knockout" Brown in a ten-round fight at the National Sporting Club last night. The bout was a one-sided affair, Brown being unable to land to any advantage throughout.

Brown forced the fighting throughout, but Attell's defence was impenetrable, all of Brown's best blows going for naught. In the first round Attell toyed with the local lightweight, and not a heavy blow was struck. In the second, Attell landed several uppercuts without a return, closed one of Brown's eyes and slightly damaged the other. In the third, Brown continued his rushing tactics, and Attell closed up and landed a short uppercut to Brown's chin.

The fourth round was Brown's best, and by landing rights and lefts he appeared to have Attell in bad shape. From this point on, however, it was all Attell. Brown was tired in the tenth, but Attell continued jabbing mercilessly. Attell was awarded a popular verdict.

WILL DEFEND TITLE.

Harold Hilton Will Figure in Curtain-Raiser at National Golf Tourney.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—An international team match on July 27 is promised as a curtain-raiser to the national amateur golf tournament, which is to be held on the links of the Chicago Golf Club, July 29 to August 3. President Silas H. Strawn, of the U. S. Golf Association, said to-day that he had received assurances that Champion Harold H. Hilton, of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club would come here to defend his title and that several prominent British players will accompany him. It is expected that a match between the British and leading United States players will be arranged.

FOOTBALLERS BARRED.

Can't Play at Royal Athletic Any More This Season.

The baseball club will not allow football games to be played on the Royal Athletic grounds any more this season, as the directors are figuring on commencing repairs and alterations very shortly. In consequence of this the soccer match to-morrow between the Garrison and Sons of England will either have to be called off or transferred to Beacon Hill.

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WEST HOCKEY TEAM.

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The Victoria Wests, who will play the Prairie Club at the Arena rink to-morrow night, will take the ice as follows: Goal, Maxwell; point, W. Young; cover-point, O. Corbett; rover, A. Archibald; centre, E. Ashe; right wing, C. Corbett; and left wing, R. Archibald; spare, F. Young.

Both teams hold practices this evening of half an hour's duration and expect to be in shape to play fast hockey all through. One of the Wests, after watching the game last Monday between the Wards and James Bay, expressed himself as being entirely confident that the Wests could make either one of those teams go the limit to get away with a victory.

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"Downfall of Man," Powers, comedy.

"Just Too Late," Nester.

"Mutt and Jeff," comedy.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

G. L. Davis, of St. John, is staying at the Empress hotel.

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W. C. Edgar, of Winnipeg, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

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L. C. C. Fyfe, of Glasgow, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

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Robert Sherman, of Spokane, arrived yesterday in the city.

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Mrs. G. Taylor is visiting in the city from South Wellington.

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B. M. Rogers is in the city from Hazelton on a brief visit.

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W. T. Shatford, of Penticton, has arrived at the Empress hotel.

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James F. Gordon, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McTavish and Mr. and Mrs. Peter McTavish, of Vancouver, are registered at the Empress hotel.

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L. Nicholson is registered at the Dominion hotel from Ladysmith.

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J. W. Macfarlane, of Denver, Colorado, arrived yesterday in the city.

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C. N. Irving, of Prince Rupert, is staying at the Prince George hotel.

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Ex-Mayor A. E. Planta, of Nanaimo, and Clive Planta have arrived in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. MacLeod Allen, of Colorado, are guests at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Ullyott, of Langdon, N. D., are registered at the Prince George hotel.

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A. McDonald is in the city from Clinton, and is registered at the Dominion hotel.

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Mr. J. Ridington, of Vancouver, representing the Hudson Bay Insurance Company, is a guest at the Empress.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Green and Mr. and Mrs. J. Spencer Rogers, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress hotel.

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Robert Kelly, the well known Vancouver merchant, and Mrs. Kelly were in the city yesterday, en route to Seattle.

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Col. the Hon. Samuel and Mrs. Hughes, Ottawa, entertained at a charming dinner on Wednesday of last week. Covers were laid for sixteen. The guests were: His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa, and Mrs. Hamilton, Hon. Martin and Mrs. Burrell, Dr. Schaffner, M. P., and Mrs. Schaffner, Mr. W. B. Northrup, M. P., and Mrs. Northrup, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Foster, Colonel and Mrs. Lyons Biggar, General Otter, and Captain Talbot, A. D. C.

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Fleet Surgeon and Mrs. C. E. Home arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday from England with a view to settle on Vancouver Island. The surgeon was for 26 years associated with the royal navy, and retired from active service last November when holding the position of chief surgeon in the Channel fleet. Surgeon Home, who was the last medical man in charge of the Esquimalt naval hospital, before it was closed in 1905, spent two years at that time on this coast, and therefore is no stranger to the district. He intends to enter private practice here. In a brief conversation with a Times man he showed great interest in Canadian politics, and as an ardent protectionist expressed the view that the Irish question would be largely solved by the adoption by Great Britain of protection, which would especially be beneficial to Irish industries and agriculture, and by relieving to a large extent the discontent in Ireland, would remove the principal causes of political agitation. Politics in the old country to-day were largely concerned with the insurance bill, the whole country being absorbed in the consideration of this great measure of social reform.

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The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

"A Pittsburg clergyman has recently notified his flock that henceforth he is going to marry no couples who cannot give probable evidence of an annual income of at least two thousand dollars."

I quote that interesting item from a contemporary publication.

What do you think of it?

I'll tell you gladly what I think. I think it is one of the worst examples that I have yet seen of the foolish and harmful tendency prevalent just now—the tendency to advise young people to delay marriage until all material difficulties are smoothed away by plenty of money and material possessions.

I wonder if that minister realizes that the average American wage is about $900.

I wonder if he realizes that 67 per cent. of American men do not get more than $1,000 a year.

What, pray, would he do with these men and the women they would naturally take to wife?

Would he condemn them to eternal singleness and keep their women's arms eternally empty and hungry, because their lovers could not give "probable evidence of an annual income of at least two thousand dollars?"

I believe that the tremendously high standard of material possessions necessary as a preliminary to marriage, which we are encouraging our children to raise, is doing vastly more harm than good.

The idea is good enough if we didn't carry it to such ridiculous excess. Everyone knows that when the wolf is continually howling and scratching at the door, and even peering glumly in the windows, there isn't apt to be much billing and cooing going on inside the home.

But, does it take two thousand a year to keep the wolf away from a young married couple's home?

Indeed it doesn't. Or, at any rate, shouldn't.

Nor—well, I started to say nor half that, but I suppose I ought not to be quite so definite. Circumstances alter cases, and whereas there are couples that might get along very comfortably on seven or eight hundred a year, there are others, who require more than that. But I don't believe that any two people would starve on twelve hundred a year.

And anyhow, it seems to me that a reasonable amount saved up for a rainy day and good prospects of advancement, count for more than a large income to start with.

If all the harm that is done by long drawn out engagements and by the advanced age for marrying among men could be known, I think perhaps we should say less about having just so much to start with, and more about getting married at the time when nature wants men and women to marry.

What relation do you suppose the prolonging of bachlorhood to the age of thirty and thirty-five has with the social evil?

Of course, no one can know that exactly, but I'm sure of this—that if I had a son, I'd rather see him marry at the age of twenty-two or three, on a thousand a year, than wait until he was thirty for two or three thousand.

Perhaps, Mr. Pittsburg minister, you were misquoted in your sweeping exclusion of all folks who couldn't qualify in the two thousand class from the state of matrimony.

For the honor of your cloth, I hope so.

Ruth Cameron

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"I am."

"Have you any luggage?"

"No."

"Well, my friend, can you do me a favor and it won't cost you anything? You see, I've two big trunks, and they always make me pay extra for one of them. You can get one passed on your ticket, and we'll do them. See?"

"Yes, I see, but I haven't any ticket."

"But I thought you were going by this train."

"So I am; but I'm one of the directors of the line."

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Fort George as a Jobbing Centre

(Vancouver News-Adv., Jan. 13.)

Too great importance cannot be attached to the movement now on foot for a railroad connecting Vancouver with Fort George and the Peace River country. This is the opinion of a number of the leading business men of the city who gave their views to a representative of the "News-Advertiser" to-day. By the construction of this line, a long step will have been taken towards assuring Vancouver of commercial pre-eminence on the Pacific Coast of Canada.

With the opening of this railway, wheat, coal and other products of the Peace River country and the central interior will be shipped to Vancouver either for local consumption or export, and in return Vancouver will send north her lumber and commercial goods of all kinds, shipped here from abroad. In other words, Vancouver will be a commercial metropolis of the North, as Edmonton hopes to be, unless this Vancouver-Fort George line is rushed to completion.

With the building of the Panama Canal, this line will grow immensely in importance owing to its value as a means of shipping wheat via Vancouver. It is predicted by some well-informed men that in the days of the Panama Canal, Edmonton will no longer compete either with Vancouver or Fort George as a distributing centre. Vancouver will be the New York of the Pacific Coast, and goods shipped from abroad can be laid down cheaper at Fort George via Vancouver than they can at Edmonton via the east. Fort George will be a great inland wholesale and jobbing centre.

It is expected that during the present session of the legislature the Premier will make an important announcement concerning the railway policy of this Government.

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FORT GEORGE will be one of the largest cities in the West. An enormous development will take place during 1912.

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SOLDIERS OBJECT TO SMALL RAISE

GOVERNMENT GIVES SOP TO WORK POINT

Politicians' Efforts Result in Getting Increase of Ten Cents for Barrack Men

Increases of pay have been made at the Work Point Barracks by the Dominion government. Privates and Lieutenants share in the distribution, the privates receiving ten cents increase per day and the lieutenants twenty-five cents.

The men and officers are protesting against the niggardly amount offered them as it is even less than the added pay allowed when the Imperial forces were stationed here, and with the increased cost of living, now twice what it was in those days, the men maintain that the government increase of ten and twenty-five cents is ridiculous.

Frank Shepherd, M. P., and G. H. Barnard, M. P., particularly the former made the army pay a big card at the last election campaign. The men were told they were underpaid and that increases would be given them the same as those given to the Imperial troops. The politicians made much of the opportunity and the men were led to expect that they would at least be treated by the Dominion government as well as they were treated by the Imperial government.

The niggardly result of the efforts of Messrs. Barnard and Shepherd have caused not only disappointment at the barracks but indignation, as the men look on the trifling increase as merely a sop thrown to them. It is the usual case of big promises and meagre fulfilment which has characterized the present government's actions all along the line.

JOHN KEEN'S TRIBUTE TO LATE MR. HOBSON

Veteran Mining Man of Interior Writes Feelingly of His Late Colleague

In response to a request made by E. Jacobs, of Victoria, who in 1904-5 was secretary of the Provincial Mining Association, John Keen, chairman of that organization during its whole existence, has sent the following notes on the late John B. Hobson, the well-known mining engineer who died in Victoria on 9th inst.:

"It was with pleasure I met Mr. Hobson first in February, 1903, when the 'call to arms' was sent out by him to all miners and others interested in mining—and who is not—to meet in convention at Victoria to devise means for the improvement of the mining industry, which was then in some straights.

"As a successful miner, Mr. Hobson took the greatest interest in extracting Nature's choicest gifts from the bowels of the earth, and he knew, as few men know, the good-hearted giants of perseverance who roam the hills and pierce the rocks in search of minerals for the use of a civilized people, before the accomplishment of which in the world's earliest history civilization did not and could not exist.

"His large generous heart was always open to cheer and assist the prospector and miner, and it was this very large-heartedness that suggested to him the formation of a Provincial Mining Association which he thought could and would be a decided success. He considered that when a labor strike occurred, such an organization by offering its conciliatory offices, as mediators, rather than arbitrators, would find a means of settling labor disputes. The settlement in the spring of 1903 of the Crow's Nest coal miners' strike by the Provincial Mining Association as its first act after its formation proved that he was correct, and this was a monument to his credit.

"As my colleague for two or three years, I knew him to be a man through and through. All men who roam the hills will understand this phrase, as I mean it. He could feel for others, anticipate their wants and supply them ere they were spoken of, and knowing Nature in her wild and rugged state, it made him human, in the sense that it makes all men, who have long lived in close communion with her.

"Our hearts all go out in sympathy for his wife and children, whom I knew; and may the God who protects the miner now place his shielding arms around the widow and orphans whom our beloved friend has left behind. He has gone to his rest, to join many others whom we also met in 1903, having produced much for the benefit of mankind, and increased the wealth of the world at large, without having reduced or impoverished its assets; and may God reward him."

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

SHOOTING PERMITS

NOTICE is hereby given that all SHOOTING PERMITS issued up to 31st December, 1911, are CANCELLED.

By order of the Council.

J. S. FLOYD,
C. M. C.

January 19, 1912.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IN HEALTHY STATE

CHIEF DAVIS REPORTS ON WORK OF PAST YEAR

New Apparatus Required—Twelve Additional Fire Alarm Boxes Recommended

Fire Chief Davis, in the course of his annual report to the city council on the work of the fire brigade, shows that the department responded to two hundred and nineteen alarms, and were fortunate in escaping with only two serious fires, that of the Taylor Mill on July 30 at which damage was done to the extent of $25,900, and at the Hibben block on November 11, when the loss amounted to $71,294. Owing to the big fire of October 26, 1910, having caused such an enormous amount of damage, the total losses in the last twelve months were much less than in 1910, the total on buildings and contents being $142,730, or $454,511 less than the corresponding period for 1910.

Among the apparatus installed have been the two steam fire engines of 550 imperial gallons capacity built by the Waterous Engine Works of Bradford, which were received and placed in service, one at No. 2 station, the existing engine being transferred to No. 3 station, and the other at No. 4 station taking the place of the old Merryweather engine, and two new motor hose, and motor hose and chemical wagons, with an aerial truck contracted for from the W. E. Seagrave Company, Walkerville, and other necessary improvements. The chief mentions that the engines now maintain about 10 to 15 pounds of steam to save the time formerly lost in getting up steam in case of use.

The salt water high-pressure system is reported in operation, and twice tested with success since the installation of the Mather and Platt pumps, and that the system has been extended to protect the mill district. Two new fire halls have been built in the year.

So far as recommendations are concerned, the chief suggests the acquisition of a site for the Oak Bay avenue hall near Bank street, and the ordering of a motor combination hose and chemical wagon for the new station, one double 80 chemical engine to take the place of the old horse-drawn apparatus at headquarters, and two 80 h.p. chassis for the city service truck, and the steam fire engine in the headquarters station. The chief points out that the gradual introduction of motor apparatus has been beneficial to the department, and represents considerable saving in the cost of horse feed, and increase in efficiency.

Most of the repair work goes forward at the repair shop at headquarters, effecting a saving for repairs, and in this connection he asks for a shaper and power saw for the shop.

A few minor alterations are needed in the stations, none of them involving large expense. The headquarters station has undergone considerable improvement, and will not require much attention in the present year. The chief suggests that where necessary the creosoting flooring of the stations should be replaced by concrete, and this would prove better for the horses stabled at each station.

Included with the report is one from the superintendent of alarms, W. B. McMicking, showing that the box alarm service is maintained in good condition, and suggesting that 12 successive non-interferring fire alarm boxes be purchased, and a lineman should be appointed for outside work to enable him to devote his attention to mechanical work.

In supplementing this report the chief advises the purchase of the boxes to be placed in districts which are a long way from accessible alarms, and thinks that the wires in the business district should be put underground, as a better system.

The first meeting of the new committee was held yesterday afternoon, at which the estimates for the year were presented. Salaries will amount to $68,716, maintenance $35,193, and the additions to the fire alarm system $9,643.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, January, 1912.

Date.	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

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MAN ENTERS HOTEL DURING NIGHT TIME

BAR WRECKED AND LODGERS THREATENED

Thomas Clayton, Old Offender, Charged With Burglariously Entering and Threatening

Thomas Clayton, who was released from the provincial jail yesterday after serving a term for theft, and who was in police custody and sent to jail for being the operator in a chain of robberies in the outlying districts of Victoria some time ago, where he worked with a horse and van, was in the police court dock again this morning, having been arrested at the St. George's Inn early to-day on a charge of entering the hotel with the intention of committing robbery.

The inmates of the St. George's Inn were disturbed in their sleep last night by a disturbance on the bedroom floor. Henry Thomas Marsh, who occupied a room there, said, as witness for the prosecution, that he heard someone in the next room saying, "Hands up, or I'll shoot you." Two men slept in the room and the witness did not take the matter seriously, so he told them to "dry up." He was answered by the same voice that threatened the shooting. The voice called through the wall: "I'll shoot you," and followed the threat with a string of oaths. The witness's curiosity was aroused and he got up and lit his light. Making his way to the next room he found the accused was not there but discovered him in the room of another boarder, where the accused was hitting the occupant.

"I punched him until some one else came," said the witness.

The accused: "How could I shoot you if I had no gun?" "How did you fix me?"

Witness: "I beat your head off, that's how I fixed you."

Accused: "Yes, when ten of you had me down and were kicking the stuffing out of me. You're dreaming, can you pound me?"

Witness: "Couldn't I, I'll pound you now if you like?"

Accused: "You will?"

Witness: "You bet I will."

The magistrate having stopped this lively interlude, the accused said he was drinking in the St. George's Inn after hours, but James Anderson, the licencee, immediately denied it. He took the witness box and said that after locking up last night with his partner he went to bed and was awakened in the night. Down stairs he found one of the front windows broken open, with the top panes all gone and one below smashed with a stone. The bar was a mass or ruins. The cash register had been smashed and thrown on the ground, ten whisky bottles were smashed on the floor and cigars were thrown all over the room.

Cornelius O'Regan, a blacksmith's helper, who referred to the accused as "the hero," told how he was awakened and coming down stairs had found the bar as described by the landlord. He was asked by the magistrate if the broken glass was sufficiently large to allow a man to enter, and replied it was large enough for a horse to get in through.

The accused elected to take a trial before the higher court and the case was remanded for further evidence to be brought to-morrow morning.

Alfred Stanley, several times previously before the court for minor offences and always welcomed by the onlookers as an amusing performer, pleaded not guilty to a charge of obscene language, and having told the court he had been spending his own money, and that constables of the city police force should take a trip round Cape Horn in a gale of wind, went to jail with a term of one month or a payment of $20 against his name.

James Harkness, a working man, charged with having stolen $35 from the safe of a rooming house keeper named Stephen Muzji, was found not guilty as there was no evidence against him.

Lee Kong, proprietor of the Chinese theatre, fined last week for overcrowding the theatre, was up again on a similar charge. A remand was granted until after the appeal in the Victoria theatre case, which is to be heard next Tuesday.

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CHURCHMAN'S VIEW OF CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM

Labor and Capital in Competition To-day—The Ideal Society

In moving a resolution on the labor question at the rurl-decanal conference of the Victoria rural deanery held on Wednesday evening, details of which have already been published, the mover, Rev. R. Connell, said that there could be no question as to the existence of a labor question in the sense of a protest against the exploitation of his labor by the wage-earner by the capitalist under present economic conditions. The strike was a symptom, and one which had become more serious in its effects since it had passed from the action of a single union to the sympathetic action of all organized labor. The position of the wage-earner was such that it constantly tended to his degradation in body and mind. Not only were women and children affected, but even the strong man suffered. Reading the figures presented before the Economic Association in New York recently he pointed out that the death rate in Colorado mines had risen in 1907 to 21 per 1,000. It was not to be wondered at that the wage-earner was in a condition of revolt against modern conditions. These conditions were the outcome of the immense industrial change which had taken place in the past century by which machinery vastly increased production while the benefits of that production went abundantly to the capitalist, and but little to the wage-earner. A little band of social reformers led by F. D. Maurice, Charles Kingsley, Thomas Hughes and J. M. Ludlow had grappled with the changed aspect of things seventy years ago, and had formed the Christian Social Union, which still carries on their ideals. This ideal was the co-operative commonwealth, where co-operation would remove competition. This principle was exemplified both in the great trusts and in the labor unions, but it was needed as embracing all society. Churchmen ought to aim at the creation of such conditions as would give a full and fair chance to every one for his character, ability and industry. At the same time the weak would be cared for. While the extreme Socialists' cry "No compromise," the Christian Socialist would throw himself into every movement of reform, whether of great and crying evils such as the drink traffic or apparently less pressing ones, such as the provision of public parks and the beautifying of schools. And it must be remembered that the great Socialist leaders recognize that religion is a factor that cannot possibly be overlooked.

CRIME DETECTION BY HEART PULSATION

Experiment in California Court of Justice Proves Success

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 19.—What was believed to have been the first demonstration in an actual court of justice of the Munsterborn theory of criminal detection by heart pulsations occurred yesterday in the office of Justice of the Peace Cassidy at Watts. The demonstration ended in the discharge of Arthur Smith, a metal worker from Tacoma, who had been arrested as a suspicious character. When first asked his name he gave it as John Smithers. He had consented to be a party to the experiment and his normal pulse was found to be 72. It increased to 91 beats when he told his name and Justice Cassidy told him he was not telling the truth. His heart then beat at the rate of 95. After a few seconds hesitation the man replied: "Arthur Smith is my right name, but I'm an honest workingman and no vagrant. I'm sorry I lied, but I have relatives in the north."

GERMAN LOANS.

Boston, Jan. 19.—Loans amounting to $127,000,000 were placed Thursday by the Imperial German government and the state government of Prussia, combined with a group of Berlin banks headed by the Prussian state bank, interest to be at 4 per cent. The German Empire's portion to the loan amounts to only $20,000,000, and is intended for the redemption of part of the $80,000,000 of treasury notes maturing this year. The loan of $105,000,000 issued by the Prussian state government is for the construction of the railroads and the acquisition of rolling stock for the road. The subscription list opens January 29 at the rate of 101.04.

FINANCIAL NOTES

Copper exports for week ending Jan. 18 were 3,956 tons.

Ex-div. to-day L. N. 2½ per cent.; Lehigh ex-rites and ex-div. 20 per cent.

Consols unchanged in London.

There has been an advance in London silver, which is half penny up.

Lehigh Valley is leading at ¼ premium.

Liverpool cables say the mills will resume work on Monday.

According to information which has reached an official quarter from St. Petersburg, says the London correspondent of the Birmingham Post, the Czar, following the example of many Russian nobles, is making arrangements to dispose of a considerable portion of the estates which His Imperial Majesty privately owns. These principally are situated in the southeast provinces of the Russian Empire.

There are 30,000 volumes in the House of Lords' library and 42,000 in the Commons.

BARBARIAN RELICS OF FAR-OFF CHINA

Noted Traveller Tells of Experiences Exploring Heart of Great Empire

It has been well said that the most conservative nation in existence has amazed the world by the revolution that has taken place against the Manchu rulers and the establishment of a republic.

If the civilized countries of the world only but knew the condition to which this most ancient civilization has sunk in the regions that are never in contact with western industry, art and commerce, the surprise would be greater still.

To supply what the civilized world needs so much at the present moment a daring young English journalist has travelled across China on foot. His name, Edwin J. Dingle, has up to the present been little known on the London press, but it is safe to say that in the future it will challenge a place with those of the leaders in the profession.

On this side of the Atlantic this young journalist would probably be called "cub" reporter, something like Winston Churchill when he made the famous trip "London to Ladysmith via Pretoria."

Mr. Dingle conceived the idea of walking across the wildest and most unknown provinces of western China in order to see what would happen to him.

He had no official papers to command respect, and he could not speak a word of Chinese when he started. Naturally, he had adventures, and he tells them modestly, but entertainingly.

From Shanghai, 1,500 miles up the Yangtze river he went by boat, in itself an exciting trip, especially through the gorges. From the Yangtze gorges he walked 1,600 miles through a beautiful and perilous mountain region, bordering on Thibet to the frontier of British Burma. Later wanderings through interior China brought the total to 6,700 miles travelled in that country. Some of the places visited have been untrodden by Europeans.

Mr. Dingle went through several dangerous uprisings, for everywhere he found premonitions of civil war and of the present reform movement. He lived with the Chinese, ate their food, slept in their vermin-infested beds, was taken ill in remote Yunnan, lay for days at the point of death, remained at Tong-chuan-fu for months recovering his health, and had been in China two years by the time this book was completed. It is not strange that he has some fresh and unhackneyed things to tell about the Chinese and their life in the far interior provinces, especially Sze-chwan and Yunnan.

The hardships of travel in the interior of China are enough to appall any but the stoutest heart and the strongest stomach. Mr. Dingle expresses the belief that nowhere in the world unless perhaps in parts of remote Russia, are the dirt, disease and discomforts of the inns equal to those of Sze-chwan and Yunnan. Here is a description of how he slept:

"Over the bedstead, usually composed of four planks of varying lengths and thickness, placed across two trestles, I used first to place my oilskin, then my pu-kai, and that little creeper which rhymes with bug did not disturb me much. Rats ran round and over me in profusion, and, of course, the best room being invariably nearest the pig-styes, there were the usual stenches. The floor was Mother Earth, which in wet weather became mud."

The intense curiosity of the people concerning the barbarian who had come among them, with the utter impossibility of securing privacy anywhere, was another source of annoyance, sometimes of hardship. In the main the people were kindly disposed to the stranger. Though the reform movement was sometimes hard to discern, the determination to abolish the opium habit was strong even in Yunnan. In the capital of that province two years ago the officials did a daring thing. They brought 20,000 ounces of prepared opium to the execution ground and destroyed it all in the presence of an enormous crowd. In July, 1910, Mr. Dingle noted a "truly wonderful change." "In Sze-chwan, in April, 1909," he says, "I passed miles and miles of poppy along the main road—to-day there is none to be seen. It is to be hoped that Great Britain will do her part as faithfully as China is doing hers."

Yet the wretchedness of the poor in Yunnan is still terrible—made temporarily worse by the loss of the opium trade. Mr. Dingle asked his English-speaking "boy" to find out whether girls were still sold publicly in Chaotong.

"Have got plenty," explained the boy, in describing this wholesale selling of female children into slavery. "I know, I know; you wanchee makee buy. Can do! You wanchee catch one piecee small baby, can catchee, two, three tael. Wanchee one piecee very much tall, can catchee fifty dollar."

"This wholesale disposal of young girls," says the author, "is one of the chief sorrows of the district. And well it might be, for thousands of children are disposed of in the course of a year for a few taels by heartless parents, who watch them being carried away, like so much merchandise, to be converted into silver, in many cases in this poverty-stricken district merely to satisfy the craving for opium of some sodden wretch of a man who calls himself a father. Time and time again, long after I myself passed through Chan-tong, did I see little girls from three to ten years of age being conveyed by pack-horse to the capital, balanced in baskets on either side of the animal.

"Babies in Yunnan, for the great majority, are not coaxed, not tossed up and down and petted, not soothed, not humored. There are none to kiss away their tears; they have no toys and dream no young dreams, but are brought straight into the iron realities of life. They are reared in smoke and physical and moral filth, and become men and women when they should be children.

"In the particular district of which I speak it is not an uncommon sight to see little children being torn to pieces by dogs, the scavengers of the empire, perhaps by the very dogs that had been their playmates from birth. I have been riding many times and found that my horse had stepped on a human skull, and near by were the bones that the dogs had left as the remains of the corpse."

In this desert of wretchedness Mr. Dingle found the work of the missionaries to be almost the only oasis. When his arm was broken by falling from a pony and malarial fever had made him delirious, though he still had to drag himself along the almost impassable road, his life was saved by reaching the mission at Tong-chuan-fu. He has many interesting things to tell about the missionaries, though he found the native mind sadly confused by the conflict between different Christian sects.

Mr. Dingle reluctantly admits that lying "seems to be absolutely universal" in China. "I have found the Chinaman—I speak of the common people, for in my travels I have not mixed much with the rich—the greatest liar on earth. And yet in business—above the petty bargaining business—we have as the antithesis that the Chinaman's word is his bond. I would rather trust the Chinaman merely on his word than the Jap with a signed contract." Thus he goes on depicting the strange contradictions in the Chinese character, until at last he has to confess that he finds it more impossible at the end of two years to make a safe general verdict than when he first started on his travels.

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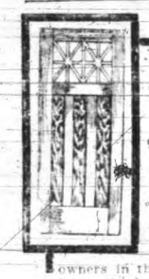

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FIRST DEBATE OF SESSION CLOSES

(Continued from page 3.)

ed the government railway policy two years ago, and from that time there had been a steady growth of confidence in his district that transcended anything in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The railway was practically built from the boundary of the city to Sooke Lake, and from men not identified with the government nor with the contractors he was able to say that the grade was of the highest class, the filling in of the best description and the curvatures all any railway expert might expect. As a result of the construction of this line, he expected to see along the west coast the greatest development in the history of British Columbia. Two-thirds of the navigable waters of the harbor of Victoria were in the district of Esquimalt, and there was buoyancy, hope and expectation in his riding.

The hon. gentleman ended up with the rather trite prophecy that "we were on the eve of great things, and this part of the province was coming into its own."

Skeena's Demands.

William Manson (Skeena) followed and expressed gratification at the general prosperity which he found abounding to-day. Whatever diffidence the opposition might have in admitting that any good thing could be done by a government at the head of which was the Hon. Richard McBride, he believed that all must agree that, thanks to railway development, there was a considerable amount of real prosperity brought about. The land policy was one regarding which much criticism was heard, but it was forgotten that large areas of land had been reserved for the settler in the Naas valley, the Kitsumkalum valley, Graham island and Porcher island. The difficulties of administration of the land department were many but the minister should make better provision for dealing with the complex questions existing in the Skeena district as between settlers and holders of coal prospecting and mining permits.

Lack of transportation was another thing which hampered settlement in the outlying districts. This was being removed to some extent by the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but still there was urgent need for roads, trails, bridges, etc. It seemed impossible to impress on the public works department the great needs of the north country, which required much more than the settled districts of the south. The government might, too, well afford to furnish facilities for clearing land, furnishing powder, or, perhaps, taking a leading part in the work. With the amount of money available the government could well devote some of its surplus in that way.

Mr. Manson asked that in the interests of the administration of justice assizes be held in Prince Rupert and a jail established there. He hoped that better terms should shortly be granted to the province and enable generous appropriations to be made for the needs of the Skeena district.

Progress in Comox.

Michael Manson (Comox) spoke at length on the paragraph of the speech from the throne which dealt with proposed forestry legislation, and stated that this matter was of far-reaching importance to his constituency. One-third of all the timber in the province was found in Comox constituency and any measure dealing with the timber wealth of British Columbia was of paramount importance to it. Within the last year 350,000,000 feet of timber had been cut there. Mr. Manson said he had read the report of the timber and forestry commission carefully and in the main its recommendations appealed to him. Legislation along the lines suggested would materially improve conditions, but he trusted the government would not follow the recommendation to abolish hand-loggers' licenses. When the commission sat it had not heard any of the hand-loggers and had not been placed in possession of all the facts in regard to their position. These men were among the finest pioneers of the province and the reason given for abolishing their licenses—that some of them had taken logs belonging to timber-owners—was a weak one.

The member for Comox detailed the growth of prosperity in his riding, as in the completion of the Powel river pulp mills, which would shortly be turning out 100 tons of pulp daily, and the great extension of the operations of the Canadian Collieries Company's mines. He promised support to the government's railway policy and hoped that in the government's plans provision would be made for railway extension to the north end of the island, including branches to Campbell river, Hardy bay and other points. He demanded a vigorous policy of development of Vancouver Island.

A Minister's Defence.

Hon. W. R. Ross (Fernie), as the minister responsible for the administration of the Lands Act, said he could assure the leader of the opposition, the member for Newcastle and the province that not only had the government a land policy but a land policy which had so worked out as to conserve the lands of the province for the people of the province. It might be that it had not worked out so rapidly as could have been desired, but it was making speedy and satisfactory progress. The stagnant part of the province had been the railway belt but he hoped that with the changes of government at Ottawa there would be a change in this regard.

The minister went briefly into the history of the department's dealing with the land question—the abolition of the third-class qualification, the placing of a reserve on certain lands, surveys, the setting apart of lands for the university, for pre-emption and for sale, and the last increase in price. He took issue with the Times criticism of land administration, saying that in the case of the Peace river lands the Times saw a movement of the speculator to all that remained desirable of good land, had blamed the government and said that it could not stop the speculators because they were its friends. The Canadian Pacific and the Hudson's Bay Company, both of which were large holders of lands in Alberta, advanced the price of these lands, and the government of British Columbia, being abreast of the times in all things, advanced the price of its lands from $2.50 and $5 an acre to $5 and $10 an acre. No one had ever condemned the government for this, even the men who had to pay the higher price, but the Times denounced the government for doing what it had formerly blamed it for failing to do. It was nothing new to see the editor of the Times changing colors in reference to matters being transcated by the government, but it was a matter of considerable interest when the leader of his Majesty's solidified and loyal opposition took the same position. The gratifying thing about it, however, was that the party bore the same relation to the people of the province that the numerical strength of that party in the House bore to the total membership of the House.

Mr. Ross announced to the House that the surveys were going ahead with all possible expedition, and that there were already 900,000 acres of land now open to pre-emption, enough to furnish homes for six thousand families. With this lead over actual requirements the government thought there would be always plenty of land available for the pre-emptor. Maps of this surveyed land had been prepared and were being sent out to persons who asked for information as to available land daily. The development of the last few months would be nothing to what it would be when the projected lines of railway communication were in operation. Another result of the government's land policy was the setting aside of 700,000 acres for the university endowment and 300,000 acres for sale by auction. This brought to view another feature of the government policy, and that was that no more lands were to be sold by private sale but only by public auction. As to whether the policy was made at the expense of the pre-emptor he would leave the House to decide, when it heard that two-thirds of the lands of the province were closed by reserve against the man who would either buy or lease, while large areas were open to the pre-emptor. It was alleged that all the desirable lands in the north were alienated. Such was not the case. Naturally the lands nearest to transportation facilities and to other settlers were taken up first, but there was abundance of land further back. Surveys along the Thompson would provide land for the settler ahead of the settler. In the Peace river country all the land was available to the pre-emptor. It would probably surprise the critics of the government to know that all the land in the districts of New Westminster, Lillooet, Cariboo and the Kamloops division of Yale was absolutely withdrawn from sale and was available to the pre-emptor.

This land policy had of necessity been made to conform to the changes in the Lands Act under which many thousands of applications had been made and many conflicts had arisen, but in all that time there had never been entertained in the mind of any man the possibility of a land scandal, nor had there been a case where people had not received honest treatment at the hands of the officials charged with the administration of the law.

This closed the debate and the motion for an address in reply to the speech from the throne was carried unanimously and it was decided that it should be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-governor by such members of the House as were members of the executive council.

Standing Committees.

The premier announced the standing committees for the session as follows:

Private Bills and Standing Orders.—Messrs. McKay, Miller, Manson (Dewdney), Shatford, Cawley, McGuire, Brewster, Hawthornthwaite, Williams.

Mining.—Messrs. Manson (Comox), Hunter, Braden, Fraser (Cariboo), McDonald, Williams.

Railways.—Messrs. Parsons, Caven, Callanan, Fraser, Lucas, Thomson, Jackson, Tisdall, Wright, Jardine, Hawthornthwaite.

Public Accounts.—Messrs. Gifford, Schofield, Wright, Williams, Davey.

Municipal.—Messrs. Watson, Davey, Manson (Skeena), Schofield, Cawley, Mackenzie, Hunter, Brewster, Hawthornthwaite.

Agriculture.—Messrs. Cawley, Jackson, Lucas, Callanan, Jardine.

Printing.—Messrs. Tisdall, Behnsen, Braden, Mackenzie.

H. B. Thomson introduced a petition from the city praying for the passage of a bill enacting certain amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act and validating certain by-laws.

Rev. Dr. Campbell read prayers today.

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THE PASSING SHOW

Majestic Theatre.

To-day and to-morrow there will be shown an adaptation of the popular story of Robert Louis Stevenson entitled "The Black Arrow." This is a wonderful production, a strong dramatic story of the War of the Roses in England and containing the most realistic and spectacular outdoor combat ever pictured. "Temptation of Rodney Vane" is a love story showing how a young man attempts to win his sweetheart, by allowing the revenue officer to drown in a huge wine vat. His better nature prevails, however, and believing he has no chance of winning the girl, he decides to leave, but just as he is about to depart explanations are made and he discovers that the girl has loved him all the time. "The Stranger in Camp" is a Lubin film. "Daisy Cowboys" is a great western comedy. "The Delhi Durbar will be shown in addition to the regular programme Friday and Saturday. Coming Monday and Tuesday is a special feature—the famous McNamara Trial held at Los Angeles.

The Empress Theatre.

Crowded houses are filling the Empress theatre nightly owing to the success of the engagement this week of Miss Ray Dooley and her dainty septette of Metropolitan Minstrels. These seven minstrels, who give a miniature minstrel show, with end men, soloists, and all the features of the regulation first part, include some remarkably good singing numbers, not the least acceptable being the ensemble which closes the act. Miss Ray Dooley, seen under the covers of a bed with a Teddy Bear in her arms, with the spotlight mimicking the moon, sings "I'm Afraid of the Big Moon," with the full company taking up the chorus when they file on the stage, bare-footed and clad in pjyamas.

Owing to the success of this week's performance it has been decided to hold three performances to-morrow night, beginning at 6.30 p. m.

Budd & Clare, two comics from the music halls of London, have a laughable burlesque which they have entitled "Scenes at a London ball."

Miss Mary Barley's Bulldog Music Hall stands high among the animal acts which have been seen at the local vaudeville theatre. The bulldogs, which Miss Barley has brought here, show the careful training they have received.

Merlin, one of the cleverest card manipulators seen here, does some very neat and mystifying tricks. He works with a committee of three from the audience and the committee is as mystified as is the audience when he has completed his entertainment.

Todd & Nards are two young athletes, who left the big tented shows of Barnum and Bailey to go into vaudeville. They are neat performers and do some thrilling acrobatic and balancing feats.

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TWIN TOWNS STRUGGLE FOR TERMINAL POST

Pressure on Canadian Highway Association to Mark Island Road

The national scope of the Canadian Highway Association is being demonstrated in an arrangement arrived at between the officers of this association and the representatives of the Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster Automobile Clubs. As a result of this, the signs used to mark the route of the Canadian highway and of the Pacific highway through British Columbia will no longer bear the crest of the clubs erecting these sign posts, but will merely carry the words "Canadian Highway," and arrows indicating the points of the compass.

The Pacific highway from Blaine to the city limits of Vancouver was marked by W. J. Kerr, vice-president of the Westminster Autumobile Association. As these signs were put up before the Canadian Highway Association came into being, they bear the crest of the Westminster Club, an automobile wheel surmounted by a salmon, the words "Westminster Automobile Association" being written on the wheel rim.

The provincial government is being approached with a view to its placing sign posts on the route of the Canadian highway from Nananmo to Alberni, and it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in arranging with the department of public works to carry on this work. The route between these two island towns is now in fair condition, and will be considerably improved this summer. President Kerr and a number of the other officers of the Canadian Highway Association intend to pay a visit to Alberni and there plant the first post of the Canadian highway. Whether this post will be in the old town, or in Port Alberni, is undecided.

Both towns are anxious to be recognized as the objective of the highway, Port Alberni specially making a determined canvass with this end in view.

The route of the Canadian Highway Association through British Columbia is practically decided upon. The engineers working under the direction of the minister of public works have submitted their reports on the section of the road between Hope and Princeton, a distance of forty-two miles, and these are being carefully looked into by the department. This piece of road will be one of the most expensive of the whole Canadian highway, and will cost in the neighborhood of $340,000. The work on this section will be done with a view to permanency, and no grade will be attempted which would at any time be too steep for horse-vehicles or automobiles.

The people of Creston are greatly interested in the progress of the Canadian highway, and a branch association is now being formed in that city. The Creston Review is advocating the importance of good roads in this district and has done a great deal towards quickening the public conscience in this respect. A similar movement is noticeable in Ashcroft, where a committee of business men representing Ashcroft and towns north as far as Barkerville has been formed for the purpose of bettering the condition of the roads in that northern country. The Canadian Highway Association is lending its assistance to these towns and is getting in close touch with the progress being made, not only in these places where interest is being shown, but also in other communities which have not yet shown their appreciation of the necessity of the bettering of the standard of roads in Canada.

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

North Saanich School District—Municipal Trams in Nanaimo.

The B. C. Gazette for this week announces the appointment of Hon. Philippe Roy, general commissioner for Canada in France, as a commissioner for the taking of affidavits within France for use in the courts of this province. Joseph Singer, Vancouver, is named as a notary public and commissioner for taking affidavits, and Frederick Dangerfield, Victoria, is appointed a janitor in the parliament buildings from January 1.

The North Saanich school district has been redefined as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of the boundary line between the districts of North and South Saanich; thence westerly along said boundary line to the seashore of Saanich Inlet; thence northerly, easterly and southerly along the seashore to the point of commencement.

Certificates of incorporation have been granted to B. C. Corn Exchange, Limited; Bungalow Construction Company, Limited; Campbell Storage Company, Limited; Clear Water Mining Company (non-personal liability); Electric Lumber Company, Limited; J. L. Punderson & Company, Limited; J. L. Beckwith & Company, Limited; Kootenay Bonanza Mines, Limited (non-personal liability); Northern Herring Company, Limited; Northwestern Messenger Service, Limited; Port Hammond Lumber Company, Limited; Seafield Investment Company, Limited; Slocan Payne Mines, Limited (non-personal liability); South Hill Baptist church; Timm's Market Garden Company, Limited; Women's Unity Club; Young China Association of Canada.

Amalgamated Development Company and Lone Star-Kootenay Mining Company, Limited, are registered as extra-provincial companies entitled to do business in the province, and licenses for the same purpose have been issued to Ives Modern Bedstead Company, Limited, and Windsor Overall Company, Limited, also extra-provincial corporations.

The city of Nanaimo gives notice of intention to apply this session for an act empowering it to construct, maintain and operate a tramway from the city to Brecken, Northfield, East Wellington, through the [illegible] acre lots to Extension, [illegible] Nanaimo river [illegible] and back to the point of commencement, or between any of these points and the city of Nanaimo.

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BANK THIEF REPORTED TO HAVE VISITED HERE

Pinkerton Detectives Have Visited Victoria in Chase After Robbers

It will surprise a number of citizens to hear that a person who registered at the Westholme hotel recently is strongly suspected by Pinkerton detectives, who have now left the city, of complicity in the New Westminster bank robbery, when the Bank of Montreal branch in the Royal City was robbed of $315,000.

Naturally the visit of the detectives was not heralded from the housetops, but evidence in their possession showed that they had strong suspicions of the identity of their quarry, who is reported to have slipped out on one of the Sound boats for Seattle or Portland, and thence the chase has moved.

The local branch of the Bank of Montreal is taking steps against any surprise by strengthening its protective precautions. In the interests of its depositors, but owing to the bank thieves who have drifted into British Columbia recently it is not desirable to state what those precautions are. It is sufficient to say that the thief who attempts the coup carried out in New Westminster will be foiled in an attempt on that or any other bank premises in the city.

C.N.R. GUARANTEE.

Leader of Opposition Asks for Information as to Bond Issue.

On the legislative order paper today appears a couple of questions by H. C. Brewster respecting the Canadian Northern Pacific and the government. The first is:

1. What bonds have been issued by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and guaranteed by the government under clause 9 of the schedule to chap. 3, Statutes of 1910, with date of issue, terms, and conditions?

2. What security has been given by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company under clause (n), paragraph 7, of schedule to chap. 3, 1910?

3. Has the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company made any application to the government for any grant of land under the provisions of clause (d), paragraph 13, of the schedule to chap. 3, 1910? If so, what applications have been made, and what action has the government taken thereon?

In another question the member for Alberni asks:

1. Has the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company deposited with the minister maps, plans, and profiles of their line of railway, as provided by sections 16, 17, 18, and 19 of the "Railway Act"? If so, has the minister approved of the location map (as per section 16) and sanctioned the plans, profiles, and book of reference, as per section 18?

2. What is the maximum gradient and the maximum and minimum of curvature, as shown on the plans and profiles sanctioned by the minister?

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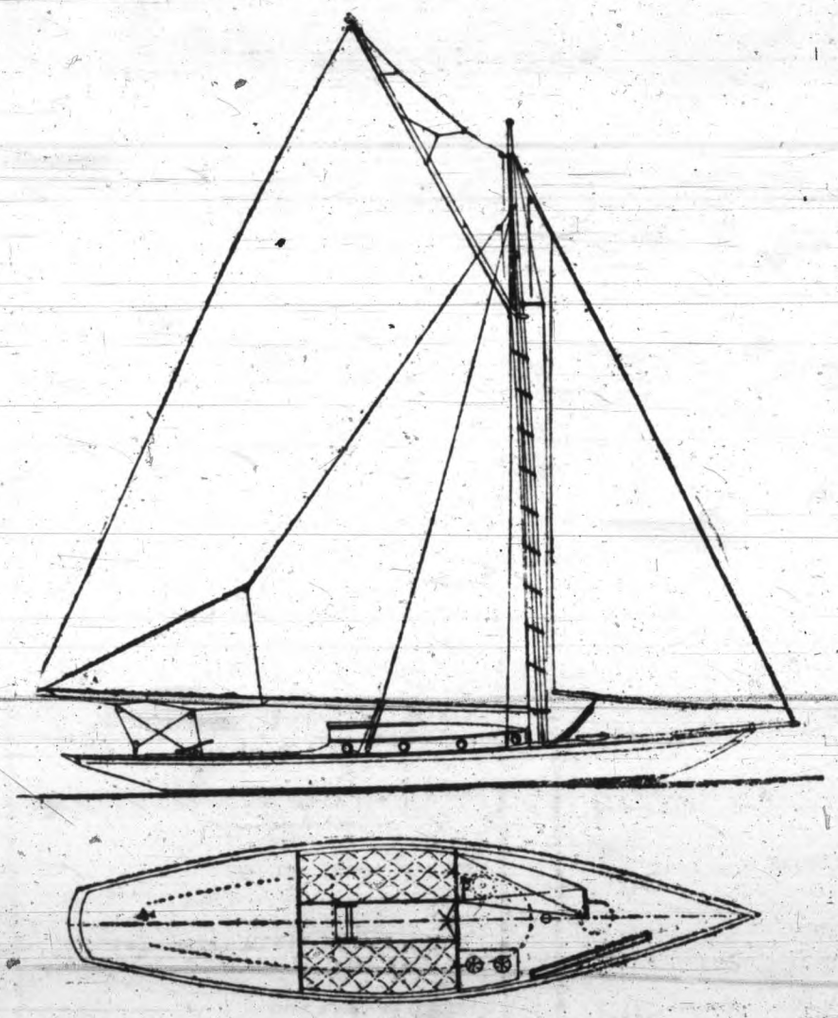

INTERNATIONAL RACER

Type of boat which it is almost certain Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria yacht clubs will build to race for Macneill trophy at Vancouver next July.

The measurements from which the plans were drawn follow: Length over all, 35 feet; either overhang not to exceed 60 per cent. of the total overhanging length; water line length, 24 feet, beam over planking not less than 8 feet nor exceeding 8 feet 6 inches; draft not to exceed 5 feet 3 inches; keel to be of iron; rig to be unrestricted, but no allowance to be made for schooner or yawl rig; actual sail area not to exceed 700 square feet and not over 80 per cent. to be in mainsail; spinaker boom may be 1½ times the length of base of fore triangle; freeboard to be 20 to 24 inches at least height; coach roof coamings not to exceed 12 inches above main deck and camber not to exceed 8 inches, and to be not less than 10 feet long nor less than 5 feet wide outside; sides at forward end of cabin house must be vertical; cabin to have floor not less than 24 inches wide to planking for a length of 6 feet and to have a clear headroom above said planking of 5 feet under beams.

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Parker Williams has been given replies to the following questions: 1. What number of workmen are employed on construction of the Canadian Northern Railway: (a) On mainland of British Columbia? (b) On Vancouver Island? 2. What rates of wages are paid on each section respectively? 3. What rates are charged for board on the said work?

The Minister of Railways replied: 1. (a) 5,644, average during month of December, 1911; (b) 351, average during month of December. 2. On Mainland—Foremen, $4 to $6 per day; blacksmiths, $90 per month and board; carpenters, $3.50 to $4.50 per day; shovel engineers, $150 per month and board; firemen, $75 per month and board; cranesmen, $100 per month and board; bridgemen, $4 per day; axemen, $2.75 per day; laborers, $2.75 per day. On Vancouver Island—Foremen on grades, $3.25 to $5 per day; axemen, $2.75 to $3 per day; rock-drillers, $2.75 per day; laborers, $2.50 per day; bridge foremen, $150 per month and board; bridge carpenters, $3 to $4.50 per day; team and teamster, $7 per day; teamsters, $35 to $50 per month and board; blacksmiths, $75 to $90 per month. 3. On Mainland—$6 per week. On Vanocuver Island—25 cents per meal and $5.25 per week, with bunk-house accommodation.

Zero Mark on Overcoat Prices. Read large ad. page 9. J. N. Harvey. *

INJURIES PROVE FATAL.

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—A tale of heroic fortitude under painful suffering was related at the provincial police headquarters yesterday by Karl Wagner, a miner from Granite Bay.

On Friday last Mr. Wagner and a comrade, Eugene Smolk, were encamped some seven miles from tidewater at Rock Bay. Both were engaged upon assessment work in connection with their claims in the district. Early in the morning Smolk went into the woods, his comrade remaining in the camp to clean up. About an hour afterwards an explosion occurred, but Wagner did not go to investigate, as he thought it was merely a blast.

Some time later his companion appeared in a distressing condition. It seems that Mr. Smolk attempted to open a box of fulminating mercury caps. The caps exploded, and the unfortunate man had both hands blown off and the sight of both eyes damaged. Nevertheless he was able to walk to camp, where his comrade dressed his wounds as well as he was able.

Then a sleigh was manufactured out of a few planks, and Mr. Wagner pulled this rough equipage over the snow to the hospital at Rock Bay. During the journey Smolk never complained of his terrible sufferings. He died in the Rock Bay hospital Sunday morning.

FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—In response to a call issued by the bishops and presidents of the ministerial unions of Vancouver and vicinity, a representative meeting of the clergy of all denominations was held yesterday in the rooms of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

The meeting was called for the purpose of emphasizing the action already taken by the different religious denominations in their endorsement and commendation of the plans and purposes of the Canadian Industrial Peace Association. Archbishop McNeil presided.

A resolution was introduced and carried unanimously recommending that the clergy of Vancouver and vicinity set aside one Sunday in the year, preferably the Sunday previous to Labor Day, when every clergyman should preach to his people a sermon appropriate to and in behalf of the cause industrial peace. A committee including a representative of each denomination was appointed to bring their recommendations before the clergy of the various denominations and report at an adjourned meeting.

TARIFFS AND TRUSTS.

Putting Down One Trust to Lift Another Into Monopoly.

During the recent electoral campaign in the Dominion one of the "arguments" vigorously pressed by the anti-reciprocity party was that dealing with the tariff as a means of keeping the United States trusts out of Canada. The American meat trust was held up as one of the trusts which on no account should be permitted to enter. The Montreal Star, along with other papers, took strong ground on this question of keeping up the tariff so as to exclude the American trusts. The election is over and the Conservatives are in power. Barely two months have passed since the decision of the voters. Yet the other day the announcement was made that Swift & Co., the Chicago packers, are to establish a big storage plant in Montreal for the care and distribution of their products. So the maintenance of the tariff wall did not suffice to keep the foreign trusts out. A strange feature connected with this invasion is the Montreal Star's intimation that it had had some influence in arranging for the coming of the big packers. Readers of the paper were informed that it has helped to bring Swift & Co. to Montreal for the purpose of introducing competition in the Montreal ice business.

Incidentily it will bring stronger competition to the Canadian meat packers. There are a number of combines in Canada, the stocks of which are selling at high prices as a result of the fancy profits they are able to earn through possession of a virtual monopoly. The canning combine is one of these. It is charged against it that it wilfully has reduced its capacity for production in order that it may charge high prices for its products. One authority states that it can fill only about 40 per cent. of the orders received. The state of affairs has had the natural result of inducing the formation of a big new canning enterprise. Simultaneously with the announcement of the formidable new competition, the combine publishes its intention of expending a considerable part of half a million dollars in constructing new factories and increasing its capacity.—Boston Transcript.

C. W. MORSE LIBERATED.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 19.—Arrangements for moving Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, whose 15-year sentence was commuted last night by President Taft, are being completed to-day. Mrs. Morse is due to reach Atlanta at 5 o'clock to-day. Morse now is occupying his room at the army hospital as a "guest" of the government, his freedom having been given him yesterday by Warden Moyer of the federal prison on telegraphic advices from Washington. It is said he will go to a local hospital and later to New York, where he will prepare to visit one of the German resorts if his condition permits.

On Exhibition.—A handsome colored picture of the world-renowned hotel Del Monte, California, is on exhibition at the office of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, 1234 Government, where, also, descriptive literature can be obtained free for the asking. *

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THE IMMIGRATION OF SIKH WOMEN

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS QUESTION

Will Be Held in This City—Diversion of Opinion — Miss Bromley on Female Suffrage

The question of the admission of Sikh women to Canada was discussed at a meeting of the Political Equality League last night at the residence of Mrs. Baer, Vancouver street. The matter was brought up by Robert Clarke, who called attention to the deputation which recently left here to espouse the cause of the Hindu in eastern Canada. He said that this deputation had been sympathetically received, and that they had been rewarded to a certain degree by having the promise of the government that the wives of the Hindus should be allowed to come to Canada. "The Hindus," said Mr. Clarke, "are British subjects, and have helped, moreover, to fight the battle of the British. It has made my blood boil to see the manner in which these people are treated in this country! I was sorry to see the attitude which the Vancouver women have taken on the question, and that they are supporting Mr. Stevens in his effort to exclude the wives and children of the Sikhs from British Columbia. I think we will all agree that those who have come here, at least, should be allowed to have their wives and children here with them, and I am anxious that the women of this city should support the movement in favor of these men being allowed to bring their wives and families in." Mr. Clarke, in concluding his appeal that the question should receive fair treatment, called attention to the large standing army in India, which is mostly composed of Sikhs, and said that these men have proved themselves to be valiant and loyal soldiers.

The question was discussed with considerable animation, and there appeared to be quite a diversity of opinion, and a marked division of feeling. Mr. Todd opposed the suggestion, and the Rev. Mr. Stevenson said he considered that the question could not be settled by sentiment; that he himself had other convictions. "The question of the brown and yellow peoples in this province," said Mr. Stevenson, "should be settled once and for all." He expressed the conviction that the matter should have serious and deliberate consideration, and that it should be left for public discussion till a later date, when the commission returned from the east, and Dr. Sundar Singh and his colleagues were able to be present.

Further discussion led to the motion that a public meeting to consider the matter in all its aspects should be held on the evening of January 31, the place of meeting to be announced at a later date.

Mr. Clarke called attention to the statements of Mr. Wilkie, of Toronto, which appeared in Wednesday's Times, and said that he considered it one of the broadest views of the question that has been publicly expressed by anyone up to the present.

Previous to the consideration of this question Miss Constance Bromley gave an interesting address on the right of women to vote.

She said that the subject had grown more or less unfamiliar to her through a year's residence in the Orient, but that her interest had remained as keen ever in the essential motives which had made her a suffragette years ago in England. She called attention to the terrible inequality between the payment of men and women in nearly all the industries and occupations in Great Britain, the theory seeming to be that a man always supported the family and the woman only herself, when actually the facts were often the reverse, and the woman supported not only herself and her children, but the husband as well.

She told of the pitiful wage earned by the nail-makers and chain-makers at Cradleigh Heath; one girl of only eighteen said that by working for fifteen hours a day she could earn seven shillings a week making chains; the nail makers got 10c. per thousand for their work. In the sweated industries she found even more appalling conditions. "This," said Miss Bromley, "is how the women of England are getting a bare existence out of life; and yet some men turn round and say that a woman's place is the home. The cottage industries have been practically wiped out of existence—or at least made impossible—by the introduction of factories; when men are dissatisfied with the wages they are receiving they can at least express themselves; they can and do raise a great turmoil; they agitate, and give their parliamentary representative thoroughly to understand that unless he speaks well for them to the government and places their case fairly, they will not have him. If such a lever is of use to men, is it not necessary for women to have the same lever in order to give them an opportunity to compete on some fair footing with men."

Miss Bromley said that few reforms could be accomplished unless the reformer became more or less angry at the unfair conditions which he wished to alter. "It is a very good thing to get angry; as long as one remains cold and impassive one canpot do things,' she said. "The men," the speaker continued, "cannot be accused of not wanting to help the women, but in spite of all that they may think on the subject there are always so many matters connected with men's business to bring up, that there is no time left at the conclusion of that to take up the women's questions for discussion. Besides, so many of the questions which require consideration are quite unfamiliar topics to men; for example, the bishop of London, who is a bachelor, is allowed to talk authoritatively on the decrease in the birth rate. Such people know nothing about the real conditions which affect such a problem, or the causes of it. The divorce laws, too," said Miss Bromley, "are only regulated from the man's point of view. To correct these from a woman's standpoint it is necessary that women should have the vote. We do not allow criminals to vote; we do not allow idiots to vote; and, finally, we have the surprising fact that women are not allowed to vote, although in many of the government offices in Great Britain women are doing exactly the same work as men—and getting two-thirds of the salary."

Miss Bromley concluded her address with the reading of a selection from "The Pathway of the Pioneer," by Willard, and was heartily applauded for her championship of the question.

A programme of music was given during the evening, the Clef orchestra providing several selections. Miss Dillworth and Miss Luney favored the audience with well-rendered solos, and Mr. Will Press gave violin selections. The meeting broke up informally to partake of refreshments, and concluded in the nature of a pleasant social.

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The company propose to put on a staff of about eighteen hundred men as soon as they can get under way, and these will be increased as circumstances warrant. The employment steadily for nearly two years of a large number of men, and the consequent demand for stores will create a considerable call for supplies, and the merchants of Victoria ought to benefit accordingly.

The roads serving the pipe line route will come in for a large amount of hauling, and it is to be hoped the provincial government will come to the help of the districts interested so that the work can be done as expeditiously as possible, and without undue strain on the horses and mules which will be employed.

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The TRAGEDY of THREE MEN and A BURRO

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WHEN the "Mountain Canary" Was Swept Away, with Their Stores, the Little Band of Prospectors Starved, Until Two of Them, Crazed by Hunger, Plotted to Slay the Third, Who Escaped and Wandered in Delirium Through the Colorado Mountains Until Rescued as If by a Miracle

CHARLES L. HALL, who figures in this adventure is dead, but the story was transcribed while he was still alive by a friend of the mining camps with whom he used to swap yarns. There is some divergence of testimony regarding the manner in which Mr. Hall was rescued. As described by the writer, the incident is impressively pictorial and rounds out the narrative with all artistic demands satisfied. On the other hand, Mr. Dennis Sullivan, capitalist and president of the Denver National Bank, to whom Mr. Hall had also told the story, says that after two days of delirious wandering Mr. Hall was discovered by Benjamin Eaton, who was later elected Governor of Colorado. Mr. Eaton and his party took him to their camp, which was in the valley, near the present site of Silverton. There they weighed him with a pair of steelyards, and wearing his soldier overcoat he scaled only forty-eight pounds. He said he had eaten the legs of his buckskin chaps. He expected to die, but they nursed him back to health and he found his way to Fort Garland, in the St. Louis Valley, where he remained until he regained strength.

"CHARLEY" HALL was the victim of a weird adventure in the early seventies, when a miner in California Gulch, now the mining camp of Leadville. There he experienced a thrill, and the psychology of the cannibalism of hunger, equal to almost any true tale of adventure that has come out of the West when it was wild, when the wanderlust lured man in quest of the precious ore, and the ore lured men to a wanderlust. Then "Charley" Hall was a miner and a grubstaker. Later came wealth, comfort, success. But his experience in California Gulch clung indelibly in his mind and he told the story, and this is the way he told it:—

"It was over in the southwestern part of Colorado in the early seventies. While placer mining in California Gulch, where the town of Leadville stands now, in the spring of '72, when I cleaned up a comfortable fortune, I got acquainted with two 'busted' prospectors—a common breed in those parts—one Hinchman and his pal Summers. They had spent the summer before over in the San Juan country, a then unknown region about three hundred miles to the southwest. There wasn't as much as a cabin between the San Juan and Leadville—nothing but a dreary waste of mountain and desert and hungry Indians, over which it was unsafe to travel except in large numbers.

"Hinchman and Summers, however, filled me chock full of fairy tales of the fabulous wealth they had found in that unknown region, and swore that if I'd only grubstake them they would lead me to mines that would make the Comstock Lode look like a salted prospect. I was doing well where I was; but I had about as much sense as a cow—sure there's always better browsing just over the hill. I fell for the proposition. Worse for me, I insisted on going along.

"We crossed the Great Divide late in the spring, just opposite Leadville, and, following down the Gunnison River a fortnight, came at last in sight of the great San Juan Mountains, standing on end away to the south. From here we first 'raised' them they looked rough enough, but when two weeks later we got into their high sierra we found matters a great deal worse than they seemed from afar. It was the wildest part of the Rockies between Canada and the Rio Grande.

"We prospected some time along their craggy tops, finding veins that, since the recent coming of the railroads have developed into bonanzas. Then it dawned on me for the first time—what had never occurred to my partners at all—that these great ore deposits, hundreds of miles from civilization and smelters, over trackless deserts and snow capped mountains, were almost as worthless to us as Robinson Crusoe's chest of gold. There was no way to extract the gold and, if we had had such means, no way to transport it save by our one lone burro, which was already laden with all our grub and tools. That burro, in fact, like most of the 'mountain canaries,' carried everything, even two of the three rifles we had with us.

"Now, down through the western flank of the San Juan Mountains ran the San Miguel River, and as a venture we thought we would try the stream, if perchance we might find some rich placer diggings there. Slipping, sliding and rolling we went, men and burro, better-shelter, down the deep banks of the mountain thousands of feet, arriving at last, sore but safe, on the narrow brink of the rapid river. We saw on the other side a meadow, small, but large enough to furnish picking for the burro, which requires little food, and a good foothold for a camp. Everything we owned—even to the two extra rifles—was packed on that burro. Into the stream we plunged, swollen by melting snows into an icy torrent, and after much difficulty made our way safely to the other side—all except the burro.

"That unhappy beast, laden with his heavy panniers, lost his foothold in the midst of the swirling torrent, and before we could reach him was swept, tossing and tumbling, into the jaws of a box canyon through which the water roared—and burro and baggage were lost to sight forever!

"In my dripping clothes I flopped down and swore. Then I gazed at Hinchman and Summers. They stood there gazing in the direction of the lost burro, with skin yellow-white beneath the tan, speechless, but with eyes that spoke the last word of hopelessness. Then the full realization of the disaster struck me full in the face like a blow and I went white myself. We were hundreds of miles from the least morsel of food. These hundreds were over a grisly waste of mountain and desert. I stopped swearing. A man swears in irritation; despair makes him dumb.

"We [illegible] crossed the river to [illegible] start[illegible]g up the steep mountain in one accord for the home trail. We knew it was hopeless, but instinct, the strongest of instincts, self-preservation, drove us on. Besides, what was the use of sitting still? We might as well die in effort, however futile, as perish miserably on the banks of that fatal stream.

"The first day after we scrambled up and down those lofty, barren mountains, rarely exchanging a word, growing weaker at every step. The second day we made even less speed. The altitude—ten thousand feet above sea level—in addition to our lack of food told heavily on us. The third day I noticed Hinchman and Summers in frequent, furtive consultations. Were they looking for a chance to murder me? Otherwise why these secret conversations? Why their refusal to allow me to share in the burden of the only rifle left?

In Fear of Murder.

"That night we camped beside a small stream on the opposite side of which towered several thousand feet the steep sloping flank of a mountain that divided the waters of the San Juan and San Miguel rivers, barren, except where dotted with small, stunted patches of mountain cedar. All night in the brilliant moon I kept moving to and fro. My suspicions grew into confirmation every hour as I saw the two tossing restless and wide awake upon the ground—that they only wanted a good chance to murder me in my sleep.

"At dawn I lay down a few minutes a short distance away, watching the two with half closed eyes. They soon arose and began to talk in whispers, occasionally pointing at me. At this I arose and went toward the stream as though for a drink. Hinchman stared me boldly and hungrily in the face as I returned. The Winchester lay in the hollow of his arm.

"Desperation brings inspiration. My case was no exception. 'I think I saw a flock of ptarmigan up in that clump,' I said in pleasant tone, pointing at a bunch of cedars several hundred yards up the opposite mountain.

"'Thar,' growled Hinchman with blood curdling emphasis on the 'thar,' 'ain't nothin' up thar to eat.'

"'Well, if I'm willing to climb up there to see it don't tax your strength any, does it?' I replied with assumed petulancy. 'Give me the gun.'

"Hinchman hesitated and simultaneously lowered the rifle to cover me. I thought the end had come. After a thought he sullenly said:—'You go on up ahead, ptarmigan ain't skeery o' man; we'll follow with the gun if you see any.'

"Something in his tone, a mixture of command and cunning, made me catch my breath. Now there was no mistaking the wolfish leer in Hinchman's eyes or the approving nod of Summers. This ptarmigan idea had seized them for a moment, however, and it seemed they were willing to spare me if I could be the means of bringing them half a dozen of these luscious birds. But there was no mistaking their ultimate purpose. Half a dozen ptarmigan wouldn't last three men three hundred miles. Somebody had to die for food for the rest. Who should be shuffled off was plain to them and to me. I can laugh at it, sitting safely here years afterward, but I was never further removed from laughter than when I realized things and saw that hungry look in Hinchman's eyes.

"But I still had my plan left. In a moment I had sprung across the stream and was hurrying up the mountainside yelling, 'There goes another flock into that thicket; hurry up and we'll get a dozen of 'em!'

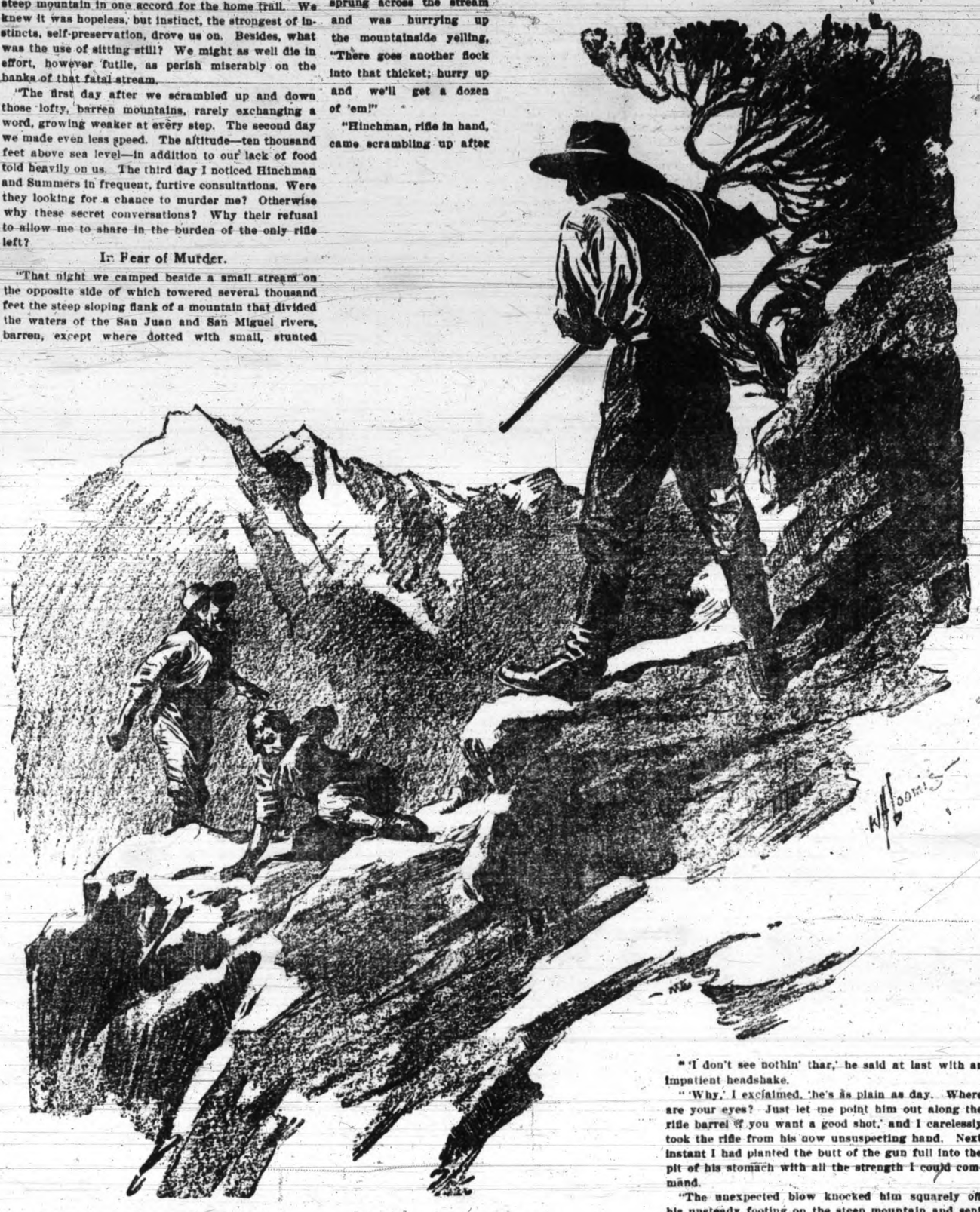
"Hinchman, rifle in hand, came scrambling up after me. Summers, who was weaker, clambered behind. I didn't let Hinchman get close to me until I was almost at the thicket. I feared he might prefer a certain man to an uncertain bird. When I had nearly reached the edge of the clump of cedars I halted and beckoned to Hinchman to hurry.

"'There's a big cock right there,' I said, pointing into the cedars as he came puffing and scrambling up with the rifle.

"'What?' he asked, peering into the grove, but keeping a tight grip on the gun.

"'Right on that limb,' I said with affected impatience. 'My God, man, can't you see him?'

"Hinchman bent right and left, looking into the dark grove.



"I Had Them Both Covered in a Second."

"'I don't see nothin' thar,' he said at last with an impatient headshake.

"'Why,' I exclaimed, 'he's as plain as day. Where are your eyes? Just let me point him out along the rifle barrel if you want a good shot,' and I carelessly took the rifle from his now unsuspecting hand. Next instant I had planted the butt of the gun full into the pit of his stomach with all the strength I could command.

"The unexpected blow knocked him squarely off his unsteady footing on the steep mountain and sent him rolling down ten feet into Summers, who was breathlessly lumbering up. I had them both covered in a second.

"'You ——!' I cried. 'So you thought you were going to kill and eat me, did you?'

"There did not seem to be the slightest surprise in the mind of either. Summers spoke first.

"'Hinchman first thought of it, but we can't do it now,' he whined in the disappointed tone of a schoolboy who has unexpectedly met a reverse. It never occurred to him to deny the charge or for me to feel surprised at his flat admission of it. Our minds had become morbid.

"'Some of us have got to die anyhow,' put in Hinchman. He looked dogged and baffled, but not penitent. 'What are we going to do now? Draw lots?'

"'I may die,' I exclaimed, 'but I'm not going to feed your worthless carcasses. I'm going over this mountain above me here and the one that follows me gets killed quick. You two go on down the gulch.'

"With that I turned and climbed. Behind me there rang out a wild 'Ha, ha, ha!' that almost froze my blood. I turned to see Hinchman, driven mad by his now almost hopeless situation, wildly waving his arms and laughing like a demon. I heard that laugh but once again outside a madhouse. He started a wild scramble up the mountain toward me, but Summers held him back.

"Then I saw them turn and move slowly down the gulch of the stream on which we had camped. I continued up the mountain. After three hours' hard climbing over rough boulders and snow fields I gained the top of the divide. Turning, I saw my late comrades just disappearing in a bend in the gulch thousands of feet below. They were never heard of afterward.

"I hurried down into the next gulch, careless whither I went, only anxious for water and to put as much distance as possible between myself and my late companions. There was little likelihood of their following me up that steep, savage hill, but my morbid mind kept me in constant fear of them. One cannot reason with judicial exactness after four or five days' climbing on an empty stomach.

"In the gulch I found a clear, swift torrent of water, from which I drank with refreshment. Then, until long after dark, I wandered down stream through the shaggy wilderness. Time and again I fell exhausted, but ever rose and staggered on, stumbling over roots and fallen branches, until about daybreak I fell and swooned. It was high noon when I woke. I was too cold and weak to move, but the sun finally revived me and I dragged my limbs to the stream, where a copious draught of water refreshed me. All through the afternoon I staggered, following the stream, which I could see by the sun ran southward. Things began to seem wavy before my eyes. The fear of Hinchman and Summers grew stronger upon me. I pictured them as hot wolves on my trail and looked fearfully around at snapping twigs and falling nuts.

Crawling Into the Wilderness.

"My rifle grew leaden weighted the second day, and for fear my enemies might overtake me and wrest it from me I took the gun apart and sunk its pieces in different pools of water. At dusk my brain went out as one snuffs a candle. I remembered nothing until I found myself one afternoon—Heaven only knows what afternoon it was—still wandering aimlessly down the banks of this roaring stream, now grown by tributaries into a small river. I wobbled like a drunken man. When my legs ached I got down on my hands and knees and crawled—ever forward. Something within compelled me to keep moving, moving, though I had a dim idea that I was only going deeper into the heart of mountain and rocky wilderness. Still I must move, move until exhaustion brought unconsciousness.

"I fell into a torpid sleep that lasted I know not how long. I took no thought of my surroundings, but had a misty idea that I had wandered far from the heights of the lofty San Juan range, whence I had begun this wild journey into nowhere.

"I did not seek food. Hunger pangs had ceased to bother me. In their place came deadly lethargy, half waking, half sleeping, that would hold me in its grip for hours. In this mental fog I could hear the strangest voices and see the most fantastic sights that ever rioted through unbalanced brain. They would clear away sometimes like a summer shower, whereupon I would resume my aimless, staggering journey. And then at times they would weave themselves into the reality of my surroundings, making pictures weird and grotesque that changed in the most bewildering manner into others equally fantastic. Finally I grew so that I could not distinguish the real from the unreal.

"These images became daily more frequent until the whole of the visible world became a fantastic aberration. Branches of the trees seemed to beckon. The rocks laughed and leered at me. All kinds of voices spoke to me of things wholly irrelevant to anything on earth or in heaven. Still I staggered on, falling now and then into a lethargic sleep of unknown duration and waking to live again amid the world of phantasms.

"Through it all I retained a single spark of conscious reason, running through my chaotic brain like a silver thread through a fabric of blackest velvet. Somehow I realized that to stay where I was meant death; that to wander down the stream, now grown to a river, led to nowhere but to life, and that within the roar of that water I might quench my thirst. Thus I trudged down the Valley of the Shadow.

"One sunny morning, when phantoms swam around on earth and in sky, I seemed to come where the mountain river I had followed—it seemed for ages—joined its waters with another river. I crawled out upon the little headland crag that jutted out into the mingling waters with a hazy idea of getting my bearings. So many shadowy landscapes had spread themselves before my distorted vision that I half doubted the waters confluent at my feet. I felt an eagerness to fling myself into their swirling midst.

"As I gazed about the entire landscape seemed a quivering unreality, and when I looked across to the bank of this new river, some two hundred feet away, I felt that the last spark of reason was gone and I was in the grasp of absolute lunacy; for there along its grassy banks, within a stone's throw of me, came such a weird, fantastic procession as I had never conceived in my wildest illusions.

"There were fully two hundred of these new phantoms, dressed mostly in white. At the head walked a tall leader in a dazzling robe, bearing a purple banner splashed with the golden rays of the rising sun. Behind him, on a mule led by a white robed phantom, sat the phantom of a venerable man, his garments of purple and gold flowing about him. In his phantom fingers he bore a golden vessel that glittered in the cloudless noon and his white and uncovered head was bent before it. Behind him, two by two, robed in ghostly white, came the rest of these strange visions, slowly winding along the trail like a great ivory snake with crimson head—all wavering before my unsteady and bewildered sight like a painted canvas swayed by the wind. As I looked on in amazement there rose the swell of chanting voices, swelling and lifting, until its harmony filled the air and bounded back from the cliffs beyond.

"Breathless at this last and most marvellous of all my visions I rose and stretched out my hands. At that moment I heard a wild laugh—the laugh of Hinchman when he had cried out 'Ha! ha! ha!' I started in terror, for I thought he was by my side with his vengeance. Then I recognized the voice as my own. The weird procession seemed to sway back and forth. Things grew dark and I knew no more, my last thought being, 'This is death.'

"Ages, it seemed, after I heard a soft voice say, 'Take this, my child.' I opened my eyes to find bending over me with solicitous gaze one of the very white robed phantoms that I had seen in my last illusion. He held in his hand a cup of fragrant liquid and put it gently to my lips.

"'Where am I?' I asked, but before I could say more a gentle finger was laid on my lips.

"'You must not talk now,' said this gentle voice of the phantom in white. 'Drink; it will give you nourishment and rest.'

"I drained the cup, and as I fell back into the sleep of exhaustion the white phantom bent his hands in blessing over me.

"What I had mistaken for the most grotesque of my illusions, that fairy procession of ermine beings bearing golden vessels through the heart of that ragged wilderness, was but a procession of monks from the San Miguel Mission, at Durango, then a Mexican hamlet a mile or so down the Animas River from where I had struck it—one of the old Spanish missions planted centuries ago beyond the fringe of civilization. They had been on their way to administer the last sacrament to a ranchman who was lying sick unto death up the river, when my wild laugh from the jutting crag attracted their attention and they had hastened to my assistance.

"It was weeks before these good men would let me go. Nor would they take a cent from me.

"'Give it to the Orphans' Mission at Santa Fé,' they said. 'They need help; we don't.'

"Soon afterward the Orphans' Mission had a new home.

"'It was a miracle,' said the padre when, after my restoration through his ministration to vigorous health, I told him my adventures.

"And, while I don't believe in miracles, I believe in that one."

THE MENTAL VAMPIRE.

IF you value your own ideas, if you have use, or even respect, for the casual products of your own brain, 'ware the vampire! He is, perchance, at your elbow as you sit in friendly and bibulous intercourse. He lurks, mayhap, in the adjoining barber chair, or lies in wait next to you in the street car. No poet has sung him. But he is close at hand, and ready, with fiendish smile and suave speech, to lure you into an expansive or an eloquent moment.

Frequently he is the paragrapher on some daily or weekly publication. Beneath his deceptive exterior of respectability may even lie the hardened heart of a jokester for a comic. Often he is a writer of fugitive—which means seldom seen—verse, stories, sketches, plays, even novels. Always he has his note books handy—if not in actual evidence, at least behind those eager, listening ears of his.

All is sustenance to the mental vampire. The eulogy of the conductor on a bad nickel, the compliments of the chauffeur who carelessly misses his pedestrian, the chaffering of the housewife, the small talk of the bars, the repartee of the newsboys, the latest exploit of the draper's clerk. But best he likes to draw his prey into some corner and drain him dry of anecdote and suggestions. If he is clever at his trade you will not even know your loss until you see some distorted image of a pet story, expression, opinion or fantasy in print. By that time the vampire has taken his ghoulish appetite to other quarters beyond reach of your righteous wrath. 'Ware him!

ECONOMY URGED BY PRESIDENT TAFT

Reforms Are Suggested—Is in Favor of the "Budget System"

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—How the people of the United States may be benefited by the saving of millions of dollars annually in the operation of their government machinery was outlined by President Taft in a message to congress on "Economy and efficiency in the government service."

"What the government does with nearly $1,000,000,000 each year," said the president, "is of as much concern to the average citizen as is the manner of obtaining this amount of money for public use."

Probably the most radical proposal advanced by the president in the message was that all administrative officers of the government in the departments at Washington and in the field be put under the civil service; be removed from the influence of politics and that their terms of office be not limited as at present to four years. Such officers should not be appointed by the president with the necessity of senate confirmation, he said, but upon merit.

"The extension of the merit system to these officers and a needed readjustment of salaries," said he, "will have important effects in assuring greater economy and efficiency. The view that these various officers are to be filled as a result of political consideration has for its consequence the necessity that the president and members of congress devote to matters of patronage time which they should devote to questions of policy and administration."

The president did not attempt to explain in detail the work of the economy and efficiency commission created by act of congress a year and a half ago. He sketched the outlines of improvements that he said could be made in government service; declared that they would effect a saving of many millions of dollars and asked that congress continue the commission by granting an appropriation of $200,000, with $50,000 for printing its reports. From time to time, he added, reports of the commission proposing particular reforms would be sent to congress.

"I ask," said the president, "the continuance of this commission on economy and efficiency because of the excellent beginning which has been made toward the reorganization of the machinery of this government on business principles. I ask it because its work is entirely non-partisan in character and ought to apply to every citizen who wishes to give effectiveness to popular government in which we feel a just pride.

To date, the president said, the commission has cost the people about $130,000. Without having put in effect more than a few reforms it has suggested changes that will save $2,000,000 a year.

"These," said the president, "represent only a few of the many services which should be subjected to a like painstaking inquiry. If this is done it is beyond question that many millions of savings may be realized."

The value of such investigation in increased interest which officers of the government will take in their own departments; their own work and that of their subordinates, he said, could hardly be estimated.

In many ways, the president informed congress, a decrease in the cost of government might be assured. There is need, he said, of reorganization of the government departments, a consolidation and a weeding out of bureaus that overlap in their work; scores of "local offices" throughout the country should be abolished and hundreds of political appointees who do but little work should be taken off the payroll and there should be an improvement in the personnel of government employees through the introduction of the civil service in practically every field; business methods should be employed by Uncle Sam just as big corporations use them, a modern system of accounting and reporting should be adopted and last of all, the economy commission should be continued in its work.

The treasury department, Mr. Taft showed, looked after the nation's finances and the life-saving service. The commission, he said, had recommended the abolition of the revenue cutter service, which would mean a saving of $1,000,000 a year.

"The greatest economy and efficiency and the benefits which may accrue from the president devoting his time to the work which is most worth while," said the president, "may be assured only by treating all the distinctly administrative officers in the department at Washington and in the field in the same way as inferior officers have been treated. The time has come when all these officers should be placed in the classified service.

"The time also has come when those provisions of law which give to these officers a fixed term of years should be repealed. So long as no fixed term of years is provided by law, the question of reappointment of an officer, no matter how efficiently he may have performed his duties, inevitably will be raised periodically. So long as appointments to these offices must be confirmed by the senate, and so long as appointments to them must be made every four years, just so long will it be impossible to provide a force of employees with a reasonably permanent tenure who are qualified by reason of education and training to do the best work."

In travel alone, the government expends about $12,000,000 a year. Definite tests, he pointed out, have shown that a saving in this item alone of a little over half on one cent a mile probably could be effected.

The president urged the adoption of the "budget system," which would bring before congress, the press and the people of the country not only the proposed expenditures of the government but its revenue.

"The United States is the only great nation whose government is operated without a budget," he said.

Later, the president declared, he intends to send to congress a plan for the retirement of civil service employees on pensions which will safeguard the government interest and yet provide for their old age.

MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS URGED

Deputations Wait on Ministers Regarding Immigration—Claims of Sikhs

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—President Falconer of Toronto University, had an interview with Hon. K. Rogers yesterday, as representing the Toronto association, which is championing the claims of the Hindus in British Columbia. He flugured that on the ground of common humanity the East Indians should be allowed to bring their wives into the country. He also laid stress on the argument that Imperial interests were concerned, and their exclusion might create trouble in India.

President Falconer also met H. H. Stevens, M.P. for Vancouver, who is strongly opposing the relaxation of the restrictions on Oriental immigration. Mr. Stevens probably will deliver an address on the subject in Toronto.

A deputation comprising Bernard Rose and William Ziff of Montreal, and A. M. Wolff of Ottawa, was introduced to Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. C. J. Doherty last night by H. B. Ames, M. P., and Edmund Bristol, M.P.

The deputation requested important modifications of the immigration regulations with regard to the provisions requiring direct entry into Canada from the country of birth. They complained that this provision works unnecessary hardships on Hebrews and others, who, while physically fit and supplied with money, and desirable settlers, could not enter Canada from the United States or other countries. The proposal was that persons concerned or their friends in Canada be allowed to deposit a sum of money sufficient to pay their transportation to their country of origin in case deportation should be necessary. This would meet the objection that in such cases the government cannot compel the steamship companies to return the immigrants at their expense. The ministers promised to consider the proposal. They will have another interview to-day.

DETERMINED TO SPEAK AT BELFAST

Winston Churchill Will Take Part in Home Rule Meeting

London, Jan. 19.—It has been ascertained in official circles that Winston Church, First Lord of the Admiralty, declines to modify his plans and will fulfill his engagement to speak at Belfast on Home Rule, notwithstanding the threats made against him. Preparations for the meeting, which is to be held on February 8, continue. John Redmond is to speak at the same meeting. The Unionists promise that steps will be taken to prevent the meeting.

Appeal by Women.

Belfast, Jan. 19.—The Duchess of Abercorn presided at the meeting of the members of the Ulster Unionists Association, which has issued a manifesto to the women in Great Britain to aid them in defeating the Home Rule bill. In her speech she said: "We will not accept Home Rule, and if we are thrown out of our heritage we shall stand by our men folk, resisting to the uttermost the domination of a rebel parliament in Dublin."

The manifesto declares the Unionist determination to hold Ulster for the Empire, and asserts that Home Rule "will reduce the whole country to the rags and poverty which are found in Ireland only in those districts where the Nationalist League is supreme."

HOLD-UP MEN CONFESS.

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—Boquist and Smart, convicted by Magistrate Shaw of holding up Rushton's grocery store on Cordova street and sentenced to 15 years each for the crime, have confessed to officials at the police station that they are guilty. J. E. Renault also confessed that he had stolen $72 from Mrs. May Richardson on December 26.

JUDGMENT UPHELD.

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—Mr. Justice Morrison yesterday afternoon handed down a judgment sustaining the recent verdict of a supreme court jury which awarded Mrs. H. J. Bagnall $1,200 on an action for damages against the B. C. E. R. Company. W. A. Macdonald, K. C., appeared in the action for the plaintiff and L. G. McPhillips, K. C., for the defendant company.

G. R. R. COCKBURN DEAD.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—A cable received from London last night announces the death of G. R. R. Cockburn, a former member of parliament for Centre Toronto. Deceased was in his 78th year. He was for years head of Upper Canada college, and was president of the Ontario Bank, the collapse of which is still fresh in the minds of the people.

ALLEGED BREACH OF PROMISE.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—Cheridah Simpson, the celebrated musical comedy singer, filed suit in the superior court yesterday against Frank M. Stetson, a wealthy machinery dealer of Seattle, asking $35,000 damages for breach of promise. The complaint alleges that Stetson in 1904 promised to wed plaintiff, but that instead in July, 1911, he married Miss Franklin.

SIGNALMAN'S SON WEDS SOCIETY BRIDE

Modern Romance in Which Fine Voice Led to Social Innovations

That we still live in an age of romance is proved by the happy circumstances that have just led to the marriage of Mr. Harold Knowling to Miss Elsie Graham, daughter of Sir Henry and Lady Margaret Graham and niece of the late Lord Alwyne Compton.

It was quite a "society" wedding, yet the bridegroom had a humble start in life. His father, indeed, is a signalman on the Great Eastern railway, but Mr. Knowling, jr., in the days of his prosperity, is still proud of his parents, and they occupied a position of honor at the wedding.

The ceremony, which took place at St. Peter's, Tewin, near Sir Henry Graham's house at Marden Hill, was shorn of some of its glory owing to the death of Lord Alwyne Compton, an uncle of Miss Graham. The family party which gathered after the wedding was a distinguished one, and included the Marquis of Northampton, whose niece the bride is, Adelines Duchess of Bedford, Lord and Lady Loch, Lady Cowper, Lord Compton, Lord Douglas, and Lord Spencer Compton. The presents included a diamond brooch and necklace from Lady Margaret Graham, mother of the bride; a diamond ring from the Duchess of Portland, and valuable gifts of jewelry, etc., from Lord Revelstoke, Lord Knollys, Lord and Lady Desborough, Lord Spencer, and Lady Salisbury.

Mr. Arthur Knowling, the father, was for many years a signalman in the Stratford Market box, and is now stationed at Custom House. He is a prominent member of the Stratford branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, and is thus well known on the railway.

He and his wife occupy a tree-fronted cottage in Manbey grove, Stratford, and there a London Daily Chronicle representative learned the story of their son's romantic rise in life.

Mr. Knowling is a typical representative of the better-class workingman, of moderate height and broadly built. His wife, unfortunately has not the best of sight. They are a homely couple, proud of their son, wishful not to say aught of his humble beginning, desirous rather of extolling his present position.

Gradually it came out that as a boy he attended the Bridge Street school at Stratford, and that his rise is directly traceable to his being the possessor of a voice of singular beauty. It had been stated that "while he was at school a gentleman heard Harold Knowling sing, and, struck with his beautiful voice, used his influence to get him into the choir of Westminster Abbey, which brought with it a first-class education."

That paragraph roused the mother's indignation. "It is untrue," she said; "it looks as if he were a charity boy. The person who discovered what a marvellous voice he possessed was myself, and his father and I determined to provide him with the very best musical tuition we could afford; so we had his voice trained by Edward Lemare, the famous organist."

Asked if her son was not for a time a chorister in the St. John's church choir at Stratford, the mother replied: "Only about six months. His voice was so beautiful that Mr. Lemare said he would not have the slightest difficulty in getting into any choir in the country, even that at Westminster Abbey. We secured him a place, however, in the choir at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and it is fortunate for him that we did so, for it was there—"

Suddenly she checked herself, and broke off. "It was there he met the young lady who has become his bride?" queried the interviewer. But Mrs. Knowlton smiled, and refused to be drawn further.

Since leaving school, she said, her son has held an appointment at the Law Courts, and now, at the age of 23, he has a prominent position in the Lord Chancellor's office.

Miss Graham has been a frequent visitor to the signalman and his wife in their cottage in Manbey street, and Mr. and Mrs. Knowling's pride in their son is only equalled by their delight at the charm and graciousness of his bride.

TRIAL OF RUSSIAN VETERAN.

Methusalah Who Declares He Fought Napoleon in War of 1812.

An extraordinary prisoner is at present before the criminal court at Charkoff charged with making a false service discharge statement. He is Andrei Nikolavitch Schmidt, and he gives his age as 138, and declares that he received his military training in the Michael Artillery School in St. Petersburg.

The old man can scarcely hear and see and is so shaky that he has to be half carried out of his cell by soldiers. He has been tried four times in connection with the charge of having made a false statement relating to his service discharge.

It came out in evidence that Schmidt in the summer of last year sought assistance from the police chief of Charkoff to enable him to make a journey. He then said that he was a discharged sergeant-major, and that he was 138 years old. As proof of his identity he showed copies of his discharge. These papers excited suspicion. Inquiries were made at the old man's home, and these suggested that he had deserted while he was a recruit.

Schmidt's papers represented that he was born in 1772, that he began his military service in 1796, fought under Suworoff two years later, and against Napoleon in 1812, while taking part in other battles. In 1858 he had to escort a political criminal to Siberia. The criminal escaped, and by way of punishment Schmidt was sentenced to serve in the Siberian Cossacks.

In the various battles in which he took part he was wounded in the head, breast, and legs. In support of his testimony he possesses several war medals and other decorations. The military authorities, however, declare that he had received no decorations, and that his testimony was false.

On the first occasion when he had to answer the charge his trial lasted a fortnight. His first trial was at Moscow, and the charge against him was dismissed as the result of an examination to which he was subjected. The military authorities of Moscow confessed that he possessed an amazing knowledge of the Officers' Corps. The answers he gave to the questions put to him showed that he must have taken part in the war of 1812.

On the offer of his counsel to submit him to a further examination, the case against him was adjourned. The old man steadfastly maintains that his statement is correct in every particular.

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The Mortgage

BY J. J. M.

People said that Tom Smith ought to be happy. His ranch was in the Midlands and was by far the best on Vancouver Island. Endowed with a splendid physique and a genial disposition, he was now, at five and forty in the prime of life. Twenty years ago he had married the woman of his choice, a lady of remarkable beauty of body and mind, attributes which were strikingly reproduced in Ethel, her charming daughter, now nineteen. Their home was an ideal one, and a bond of loving sympathy existed among the three such as is often seen where only one child has blessed a union perfect in itself. His one thought in life was to promote and conserve the happiness of his wife and Ethel, and this desire was reciprocated by them.

A less perfect nature than Ethel's would have been spoiled by her father's indulgence; but hers was one of those noble, unselfish characters, never happy unless returning measure for measure. With a woman's quick intuition Ethel had discovered that it was in little things she could best please her father; by not mixing with certain people against whose characters he had dropped a few vague hints, by following his advice as to her choice of literature—for Ethel was a great reader— by always having his pipe and book handy after a big day on the farm, and so on. To say that father and daughter idolized each other is to use a stereotyped term, but, nevertheless, it exactly expresses the deep love each bore for the other, and both for the wife and mother, who, to Ethel, was more like an elder sister and companion than anything else.

Yes, Tom Smith should have been happy in this ideal household, but for some two or three years his watchful wife had noticed a graver look on his once genial face, and with concern had watched shadows of gloom creep over the loved countenance.

Intuitively she saw that something was wrong, but when she delicately probed the trouble Smith met her tender enquiries by a joking reference to a "liver" and by brightening into his usual self. But her quick feminine perception was not deceived by this lame masculine attempt to hide his feelings, for Smith was, through his manly genuineness, the poorest of actors. So for a few months a game of hide-and-seek went on—he trying to hide his troubles from the very one ready to pour the healing balm of loving sympathy and help into his wounded life, and she trying to seek out the best means of honorably finding her lord's "cause of grief." Each felt that a false atmosphere was being created—he because he was attempting to hide something from her to whom all his previous life and actions had been as an open book, and she because of that want of trust in her when she knew that through all her days she had borne "the white flower of a blameless life" in every wifely duty of sympathy and assistance, whenever any shadow lay on her husband's usually placid existence. She had noticed that his fits of depression were synchronous with the arrival of certain official letters from a firm of city brokers, which he always retired to the study to read.

At last the climax came, for the evening mail brought an ultimatum from —— & Co., of Victoria, in which they wrote positively that the amount of the mortgage with the accumulated interest must be in their hands a month hence, or they would be compelled to foreclose—acting on instructions of a client whose money was behind the business, and who was unwilling to wait any longer or to renew for a further period. They were very sorry, and so on "but no other course was open to them," etc.

Smith read the fatal missive through, and because of his wife and Ethel the iron went a little deeper into his soul. Besides, the old estate seemed a part of himself, part of his life and happiness. Through the study window he saw as fair a scene as ever delighted the eye of man. Behind the fine country house a low-swelling range of hills, clad to the summit with stately firs and quivering elms, caught the purpling rays of the sinking sun. In a depression stood a natural avenue of umbrageous cedar trees, contrasting with the darker green of clump after clump of tea trees in the gully to the right. Nor was life wanting to enliven the scene. Flocks of starlings chattered to the noisy inquisitive minahs, most curious of birds; scores of black jays flew down in increasing Indian file to get their night drinks at the river below, ere retiring to the range for the night; and here and there was heard the fat chuckle of the grouse or the harmonious cooing of the woodcock, bidding good-bye to the dying day.

In front the clear river wound its way through rich alluvial flats, whereon grazed some of the best horses and finest cattle on Vancouver Island. Even at this distance he could see the flashing trout leaping in the setting sun, and could catch the whirr of wings as a fine bevy of duck scurried into a tea-tree fringed reach of the river. And, blending and harmonizing with it, came the splendid voices of Ethel and a girl companion from the drawing room, singing with exquisite taste and feeling that beautiful duet, "Life's Dream Is O'er."

Never before had his heritage seemed so goodly as now, when it was about to slip from his grasp; never had he so deeply regretted that one mad gamble for sudden wealth as to-night, when the old ranch, with its peace and comparative affluence, seemed a vanishing paradise, presided over by two of the best of Eve's daughters.

The harmony in the next room died away, a lump rose in Smith's throat, and a mist came to his eyes, for was not his life's dream almost over? The song seemed fateful, ominous, and, recognizing his inability to save the situation, and all that the coming crash meant to his wife and Ethel, he bowed his face on the table and groaned aloud. But even as he did so a ministering spirit was near at hand. Mrs. Smith knew by some subtle psychic process, manifested only to those who live in sympathetic union of souls, that a critical moment was at hand, full of trouble for him who was as dear to her as he was twenty years ago when their love-vows were plighted under the old willow drooping over the rustic bridge which led across the Dunsmuir rivulet, brawling along to the river in the flats below. Therefore she had followed her husband to the study door, hopeful that he would speak out his sorrow, but when she heard the evidence of his troubled mind, her love broke through restraints, and, gliding softly in, her arm was about his neck and her eyes turned to him yearningly before he was aware of her presence.

"Tom," she said, and her voice broke for very softness. "Tom, you are in trouble. I have known it for a long time, but have waited for you to speak. What have I done that you do not choose I should share your sorrow, as I have your joy? Do you think I shall fail you in the testing time? Never fear it, Tom, and if I cannot drive away your grief, at least let me share the burden as a wife should."

Tom Smith broke up at the sweet face smiling bravely into his, and a wave of love swept over his heart, breaking down all restraint of the last couple of years. Gently he drew her to his side, and, lookingly into her brave eyes, told her the story. How for her sake and for Ethel he had been tempted to invest in a certain mining venture which, according to the promoters, who were spoken of as shrewd and honorable men, was absolutely sure to return phenomenal dividends—in fact, to make every large investor a rich man—in a few months from the start of operations. How he had done this for Ethel's sake, as he wished to be able to travel through Europe and the States with his wife and her for a couple of years, enlarging their knowledge of life and the world, and enhancing her chances of the best matrimonial alliance that natural grace, beauty, and refinement, combined with a substantial "douceur," would be certain to procure. How the result had seemed so certain that he had heavily mortgaged the house and estate to accumulate a great number of shares in the proposition, that was, he was advised, sure to make his fortune when the reef was struck. How up to the present that rich reef had proved delusive, or at least elusive, until at length he could raise no more money, and the mortgagee was clamoring for an immediate settlement in full, which, unless a miracle happened, was an impossibility in his present impoverished condition. Then, with a white face, he told her that in a month's time they would have to leave the old home—the scene of so much joy—through his folly, and begin afresh.

Mrs. Smith listened to him with a tense face, but not once did she, by look or word, betray any anger or indignation as the story of loss was unfolded. Instead, now and then she nestled closer to his side, and when his quivering lips gave sign of his intense mental suffering, she pressed hers to his forehead and by silent pressure of his hand conveyed to him her feeling of brave comradeship under the blow. When he had finished the recital of the circumstances she sat silently gazing out of the window for a few minutes, letting the knowledge of the changed conditions of their lives sink into her mind.

"Well, Tom," she said at length, "it's a hard blow, but it could have been much worse under other conditions. Ethel is a splendid musician, and I know she will have no difficulty in getting plenty of desirable pupils. Lucky I learned how to cook well, and to manage a household without trusting to the servants, isn't it, dear? As for you, there is no man in Canada who knows more about stock, I'm sure, and you'll have a good position as manager of some estate in quick time. Cheer up, Tom, you did it for the best and it could have been worse," she reiterated. "Did you hear of the awful calamity at our neighbor's, Mrs. Jones? No. Well, young Fred Jones was brought in dead from the hunting field to-day. Think of it, Tom! Her only son, her only child, the light of her countenance, the apple of her eye. Robust and happy this morning, and now cold in death. What is our sorrow to hers, Tom?" And the brave, unselfish woman burst into tears of sympathy for the sorrowing mother whose ranch joined theirs, and who was at that moment sitting in the twilight dazed and stupified by this great blow, compared with which all others are mere trifles.

Smith raised his head slowly and, looking into his wife's eyes, saw such a depth of yearning love and determination "to make the best of the blow," that his own spirit caught the infection of hopefulness. His ranch and comparative affluence had meant mere physical happiness, after all; but here was a greater felicity—the supreme pleasure of knowing and seeing visibly the manifestation of an abiding love.

"Well, wife," he said at length, "you're right; our trouble is a mere trifle compared with that of poor Mrs. Jones; and after the brave manner in which you have stood the revelation, I feel like a new man. There'll be a bad smash, and we'll be hard hit. The milk is spilt, and we can only get some more, but Ethel must know nothing about the matter. It will be time enough to tell her when Hennessey comes up next month to value the place."

So it was agreed that Ethel should be kept in ignorance of the impending crash for a few weeks more, and, mutually comforting each other, Smith and his wife took up the burden with brave hearts and minds, determined to face the altered situation as only those can to whom love is all.

The month of waiting passed slowly and the day came round on which John Hennessey, of —— & Co., city financiers, was to arrive at the ranch for the purpose of making a valuation. He had written to say that the mortgagee insisted on foreclosing, that he was to make the valuation referred to, and that the sale of the homestead would take place in a couple of months' time, until when Smith was free to occupy and use the estate as before. As he was a stranger to the district, he also asked Smith to be good enough to meet him at the railway with a buggy and team. Smith had written to say he would do so, though he made rather a wry face over the request. So to-day he has set out for the station with a buggy and his best pair of youngsters, lately broken in, and still very skittish and erratic in their behavior.

Presently the train pulled up, Hennessey alighted and came forward with outstretched hand and sympathetic eyes. Smith greeted him cordially enough, not wishing to show any man how the iron had entered his soul. Soon they were bowling along over the level road towards the ranch, with an occasional remark from the city man about the splendid scenery and grazing capabilities of the country spread out before them.

Smith hardly replied; his attention was necessary to keep the horses in hand, as they were exhibiting every sign of wanting to bolt. Presently they came to the river, which was crossed by a ford, and, a bevy of wild duck frightening them, they plunged, and before Smith could gain control they had dashed into the ford. Unfortunately they got too far south, amongst the huge boulders, and, striking one of these, the buggy was capsized, the two men being thrown heavily amidst the jagged rocks, whilst the terrified horses lay kicking and plunging furiously. Smith was unhurt, and, as the water was shallow, sprang to their heads and

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THE MORTGAGE

(Continued from page 18.)

soon had them on their feet again and the buggy on the opposite bank. Then he looked back, expecting to see Hennessey struggling landwards, but he lay still and white across the boulder on which he had fallen.

Securing the now sobered horses to a fence by the reins, Smith waded in again. Hennessey was moaning feebly and showing signs of returning consciousness. Smith attempted to raise him to his feet, but one leg doubled under the sufferer in a way that told plainly it was broken. Smith picked the poor fellow up in his arms and bore him to the bank. A little water thrown in his face and a few drops of brandy forced between his white lips brought him back to life and a realization of what had occurred.

Smith removed the seat of the buggy and soon had the victim of the accident as comfortable as he could possibly make him. Slowly driving the horses he reached the homestead, where the sufferer was given into the tender hands of Mrs. Smith and Ethel, whilst Smith himself went for the doctor, who on arrival pronounced the injury a clean fracture, set the limb and left the patient sleeping under the influence of a powerful opiate. During the night he awoke and dimly wondered where he was and what had occurred, but a sharp twinge when he attempted to move the bandaged limb brought him to a sense of his helplessness. Then his mind ran on his peculiar situation. There was he, who came to value a man's estate, preparatory to selling him up, under the painful necessity of depending on that man and his people for some time at least, for his very food and attention.

The situation was certainly novel, and the tables were turned with a vengeance. How would they treat him? Anyhow, Smith, at least, had acted in a gentlemanly manner, and Hennessey had a faint recollection of two fair angels of mercy bending over him with pitying looks as he had swooned off with pain prior to the arrival of the doctor. Well, he must trust to luck, and let things take whatever course they would, trusting for the best. And in this frame of mind, being a philosophical young gentleman in good general health, and with money in his purse withal, he dozed off again, and did not wake until the summer sun was high up in the sky. Presently Smith came in, and in a few minutes by his cheery manner put him at rest as to what sort of treatment he was likely to receive. When Ethel entered, with her lovely face showing the keenest sympathy for his suffering, and bearing with her a breakfast of the most delicate and appetising character, his mind became completely at rest.

So the days flew on, and so kindly and skilfully did Mrs. Smith and Ethel attend to their patient, with so much cheeriness and sinking of self, and so tactfully did Smith keep Hennessey's mind off his position and his mission, that the sufferer made a splendid recovery, and in a couple of months was able to get about the old garden on his crutches. As he grew stronger, and became his splendid physical and mental self again, Ethel could not but be impressed with his personality, and he, on his part, accustomed as he was to the society of ladies, was forced to confess that never before had he seen such a lovely specimen of womanhood, one who so completely came up to his ideal of all that was beautiful and true and natural.

Thus the way was paved for Cupid's coming, and, when one day when he was completely restored to health, and they were walking in the garden in the cool of the evening, as fair an Adam and Eve as ever graced this earth, she looked up suddenly at him after some casual remark, and saw a world of glowing tenderness in his eyes, she knew by her own wildly beating heart and an electric something playing within her that her love was his and his was hers. And seeing that trembling pink sweeping over her face of lilies and roses, he knew, and felt secure, and out of the burning depths of his soul spoke out his love in a manly sincere manner.

Ethel did not need to respond; her blushing face and palpitating bosom told their own tale. Gathering her impulsively into his strong arms, he imprinted a lover's first kiss on her glowing brow, and the old, old secret had come to two mortals for weal or for woe.

There are some moments in a man's and in a woman's life that are too sacred for prying into, and I hold that one is when a good man and a true woman find out in a second of time that the world holds no other for either, that one is complimentary to the other, and that the happiness of each is bound up in the other. Such a moment was this with Ethel and Hennessey. I shall not enter into any detailed description of the next glorious half hour. In any case I was not there to "play gooseberry," but judging by hearsay rather than by experience, I should say that kisses were lent and returned until mamma brought both bolt upright by announcing from a few yards' distance that dinner was ready.

They rose and followed Mrs. Smith in rather shamefacedly. Why is it hard to say, as my authority for the truth of this story assured me they certainly had nothing to be in any way ashamed of? When they reached the house Smith was walking up and down the drawng room singing, "D'ye ken John Peel," right lustily. Mrs. Smith and Ethel clapped their hands, and ran excitedly in, for they knew that was a good sign.

"What news did the mail bring, Tom?" asked Mrs. Smith, smothering her excitement. "News?" said her husband. "Read that, darling!" and he thrust a telegram into her hand.

This was what Mrs. Smith's eyes whirled over:

"Struck reef yesterday. Splendid body rich stone. English syndicate offer three millions. As you hold controlling interest, please advise."

"Well," said Smith, with a twinkle in his eye, "that's good news, isn't it, dear? Worth champagne, eh?"

Mrs. Smith, who was always quiet in manner, kissed her husband and touched the bell. But Smith was exuberant. "Hennessey, old man," said he, "I can pay that mortgage in a few days now, if you'll kindly wait.

"Not I," said Hennessey, who saw the lay of things. "I'm going to foreclose right away with your permission, but only on dear Ethel here, who has promised to be mine to have and to hold."

"Ha! ha!" cried Smith, "is that your trouble? Well, we saw this coming, didn't we, wife? And see, old fellow, you may have her now, as matters have changed, and if she makes you as good a wife as her mother has been to me, you'll have reason to bless the day those ponies of mine flung you out at the ford. Charge your glasses, and drink success to 'The Lucky Chance.' Ethel's worth a quarter of a million to you now, Hennessey, and that about squares, I think."

"She's worth more than that," replied Hennessey, after he had drunk. "She's worth a life's devotion, and she'll get it."

Victoria, B. C.

The death has just taken place at Dunamore, a mountain district near Cookstown, of James Loughran at the remarkable age of 110 years. The deceased centenarian, who resided with an unmarried daughter, was a small farmer, and had been in receipt of the old age pension since its inception.

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Fairfield Estate, just off Moss St., between Richardson and Fairfield, 60 x 120. One-third cash, balance easy. Price.....$1,500

HOMES.

Fairfield Estate, 8 room modern house and lot, 60x120; easy terms can be arranged; house is new and modern. Price.....$5,500

James Bay, large dwelling and lot 60x 120, 1-3 cash, balance arranged at 7 per cent. For.....$3,500

Fort St., near Oak Bay Junction, 7-room cottage, with two large lots, 52 x130 each good terms. Price $6,000

Simcoe St., Jas. Bay, close in, 7-room, modern house, lot 54x150; 1-3 cash, balance 1 and 2 years. Price $5,500

Fairfield Estate, 50 x 120, with 5-room cottage. $600 cash, balance at 7%. Price.....$2,100

Cornwall St., Fairfield Estate, 40 x 90, with 3-room cottage. One-third cash. Price.....$1,500

Hillside Ave., 30 x 120, with 6-room house. One-third cash. Price..$3,000

Victoria West, 7-room house and lot, 50 x 120. $700 cash, balance monthly at 7%. Price.....$4,200

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Howe Street, corner Oxford, 83x110; level building lot, streets paved, and improvements in. Price.....$2,500

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Victoria, B. C., January 16, 1912.

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City of Victoria

A complete list of Local Improvement Works, authorized by By-law, from time to time, will be found posted on the Bulletin Board at the main entrance to the City Hall.

Municipal Notice

That the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable:

1. To construct permanent sidewalks on the south side of Garbally Road from Douglas street to Selkirk waters, and on the north side of Garbally Road from Selkirk Road to Selkirk waters;

2. To construct permanent sidewalks of concrete on both sides of Prior Street from Hillside Avenue to Bay Street;

3. To grade, drain and pave with an asphaltic pavement Seaview Avenue from Fifth Street to Huggins Street, and construct curbs and gutters on both sides of said street, also lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains, and remove poles, if necessary;

4. To grade, drain and pave with an asphaltic pavement Duchess Street between Leighton Road and Fort Street, construct gutters on both sides of said street, also lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains, and remove poles, if necessary;

5. To construct boulevards on both sides of Quebec Street from Menzies Street to Montreal Street;

6. To grade, drain and pave with an asphaltic pavement Mears Street from Quadra Street to Cook Street, and construct lateral connections to sewers, surface drains and water mains, and remove poles, if necessary;

7. To construct boulevards on both sides of Rithet Street from Menzies Street to South Turner Street.

And that all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-law and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of this by-law upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said work, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the Council:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas Street, and that unless a petition against any proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be assessed for such improvement and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property is presented to the Council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the Council may by by-law in that behalf regulate and determine.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
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Victoria, B. C.

City Clerk's Office, Jan. 9th, 1912.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

Separate tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 3 p. m. on Monday, January 22nd, for the following supplies:

Forage, Drugs, Milk, Groceries, Lumber, Sand, Gravel, Wood, Bread, Meat, Washing, Nails, Cement, Hydrants, Fish and Vegetables, Brick, Hauling Brick, Hardware, Coal, Castings, Sewer Pipe and Stationery.

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WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent.

City Hall, Jan. 17, 1912.

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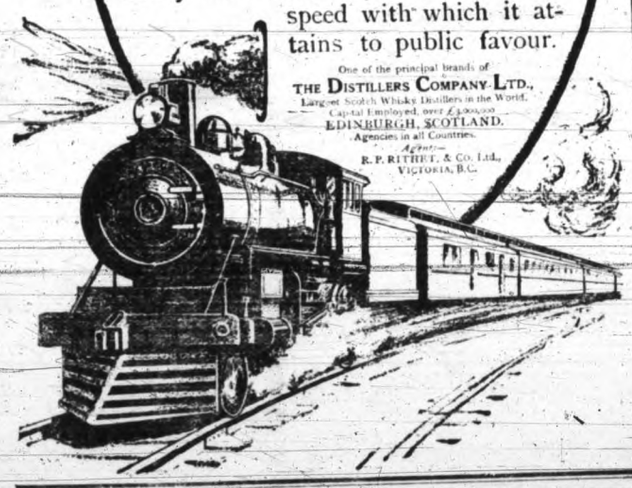

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WILL BUILD LINE INTO VANCOUVER

Representative of Harriman System Says Traffic Will Justify Expenditure

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—Definite announcement of the intention of the Harriman system to build a direct line from Seattle to Vancouver was made yesterday by J. D. Farrell, president of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, which owns and operates 2,000 miles of track. Mr. Farrell, who represents the Harriman interests in the Pacific Northwest, made it quite clear that the proposed line will not end at the Fraser river, but that its northern terminus would be in the heart of Vancouver.

"We have decided to extend our line to Vancouver. Just when a start will be made is uncertain at this juncture owing to the financial situation which is none too good at present," said Mr. Farrell to-day, and added: "Our present passive attitude has no significance, as we have already gone into the question very fully; in fact we already know how we are going to effect an entrance. We will not halt at the Fraser river, either, but will get into the very heart of the city. The route has been very carefully looked over. The Harriman system has long had its eye on this port and realizes that there is already sufficient traffic in sight to justify the proposed expenditure."

DEBATING SOCIETY MEETS.

Gordon Head, Jan. 19.—On Monday evening, the 15th, inst., the third debate of the Cedar Hill Literary and Debating Society took place in St. Lukes' Parish Hall, the subject being "Resolved that Professionalism is Not Conducive to Sport." The speakers on the affirmative side were Rev. Kidel, Rev. H. A. Collison and Williams, and on the negative Messrs. King, Day and Captain Rous-Cullin. At the close of the debate, instead of the customary order of judging the audience voted the negative having a majority of one. The programme for the remainder of the season is as follows:

January 30th., "Shakespearian" reading arranged by Mr. Williams.

February, 5th., "A Trip Among the West Coast Indians," by Dr. Newcombe.

February 19th., "Mock Parliament," subject of debate "Woman Suffrage."

March 4th. "An Evening With the Poets," arranged by Rev. Collison and Mr. Williams.

March 18th., debate.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Creston, Jan. 19.—The statement of accounts for the past year submitted at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade showed a substantial balance to the credit of the board. The chief business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year. C. O. Rogers and P. B. Fowler, the retiring officers, were unanimously re-elected to the office of president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, with W. S. Watson as vice-president. The following were elected as directors of the board: Messrs. W. Jackson, F. Burn-Callander, C. H. Wynn, S. A. Speers, G. Lowenberg and A. Okell.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Skidegate, Jan. 11.—The weather here up to January 5th. was very mild. A slight frost then set in and on the 11th. snow began to fall which with a south east wind blowing makes a bad combination.

Neil Walsh lately brought in his wife and child; they have gone on north to their ranch at Talel.

The farmers along the east coast are organizing a farmers' institute. This will certainly be a great help to the new settlement in many ways.

FIRE AT CHILLIWACK.

Chilliwack, Jan. 19.—Fire, which is believed to have been caused by defective wiring, broke out in the rear of the premises occupied by R. J. McIntosh as a shoe store, and damage was done which is variably estimated at $4,000 and $6,000. The fire brigade was called out, and did yeoman service, saving the building from destruction, but being unable to save much of the interior.

BRAVE WORDS.

The members of a club were much surprised upon a recent occasion when a certain member of the club, a diminutive person known to be of a most timid disposition, began the recital of how he "gave a piece of his mind" to an individual who was alleged to have offered an insult to the little fellow.

"Well, gentlemen," said the diminutive member, "I gave it straight to that fellow, let me tell you. I told him exactly what I thought of him, miserable fellow that he is. In my excitement I called him all the names in the dictionary and many that are not."

"Didn't he try to assault you?" asked one of the members, aware of the pugnacious disposition of the person abused.

"No, he didn't," said the little man. "When he tried to answer back I just hung up the telephone receiver and walked away."

A LEGAL MIND.

Harold, aged nine years, came home one day so bruised and dirty that his mother was thrown into a state of marked perturbation. "Mercy," she exclaimed in horror. "How on earth, my child, did you get your clothes and face into such a state?" "I was trying to keep a little boy from getting licked." "Well, that was fine," said his mollified mother. "I am proud of you, sonny. Who was the little boy?" "Me."

The professor had just stated a hypothetical case. "Our patient," he concluded, "suffering from disease of the hip-joint, walks lame. Now, young man, what would you do in such a case?"

"Why—er—why, sir, I'd walk lame, too," replied the somewhat mystified medical student.

PROPOSAL TO BUILD ELECTRIC LINE

Would Assist in Development Along Northern Bank of Fraser River

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—The proposal of the Vancouver Board of Trade that an electric tramline should be built on the northern bank of the Fraser river would appear to be working toward fruition. In an interview with the members of the municipal council of Coquitlam, William McNeill, assistant general manager of the Western Canada Power Company, suggested that a proposed bridge over the Pitt river should be so constructed that it would be available for trams as well as for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Mr. McNeill sought the backing of the council in an appeal to the provincial government for the construction of such a bridge. The council passed a resolution strongly supporting the proposals of Mr. McNeill.

At the last monthly meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade it was suggested that development of the northern bank of the Fraser river between Vancouver and Mission City would be greatly accelerated if transportation facilities such as would be furnished by an electric tramline were provided.

It was pointed out that the southern bank of the river, between New Westminster and Chilliwack, had made great strides since the building of the B. C. E. R. line. A delegation from the board of trade will meet Mr. McNeill next Monday afternoon for the purpose of discussing with him the possible construction of such a line of railway.

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At last a happy thought came to me and after many long, wakeful hours I emerged triumphant with a wonderful new mode of treatment, different from all others I had ever seen, yet so simple, and practical it seems strange it had never been discovered before. A few friends tested my discovery, with instant success. A noted French chemist, to whom I showed it, said it contained ingredients for dissolving the hair—root and all. One lady who tried it said: "A single application sufficed to destroy the hair instantly." Removed every trace of the undesirable growth. I did not suffer one second," said another lady. "Hair completely disappeared, leaving my skin soft and white," said still another woman.

I have put my discovery to the hardest possible tests. I have seen this remarkable preparation put on an arm fairly bristling with disgusting black hair and watched it fairly wither and die before my very eyes—shriveling up and vanishing as though touched by the hand of magic.

It seems certain now that I have at last discovered a plan which will succeed in producing marvellous results where all other plans have failed, and I believe that no matter how much or little superfluous hair is on your face, neck, arms or body you can, with my simple and wonderful discovery, remove completely every hateful hair, positively, painlessly, and with perfect safety.

While I cannot agree to long continue this plan, I will for introductory purposes during the next 30 days send to every interested woman who writes to me information concerning the secret of my discovery absolutely free. If you like, you may enclose a 2c stamp for reply.

Simply address me, KATHRYN B. FIRMIN, Suite 1334A, Clarke Music Building, Syracuse, N. Y., and I will send you by return mail full particulars in a plain sealed envelope.

"Every lady reader of this paper who has the slightest interest in Miss Firmin's wonderful discovery is urged to write to her without delay, for, as she has said, the information is free, and you have everything to gain and nothing to lose."

CHAIRMEN ARE NAMED BY COUNCIL

New Method Adopted in Selecting Committees at New Westminster

New Westminster, Jan. 19. — Some surprises were in store when the chairmen of the city council's committees were elected by the aldermen themselves. The method of appointment was unusual, as the mayor left the council to make their own choice of chairmen, while he himself appointed only the other members of the committees.

Alderman Gray has been moved to the finance, legislative and building committee, with Aldermen Curtis and White as its members. Alderman Lynch has taken his place on the light and telephone committee, in association with Aldermen Gray and Kellington. Alderman Curtis succeeds Mr. Bryson on the water committee, with Aldermen Lynch and White as the other two members.

Alderman Kellington was selected for the board of works. Dodd and Henley are the other two members of the board. These two have not changed their conveneships, and are left with Aldermen Kellington and Gray on the health, police and bridge committee, and with Aldermen Dodd and Curtis on the fire committee, while Alderman White takes the convenership of the parks and library committee, Aldermen Lynch and Henley being his associates.

Two special committees were appointed by the mayor, namely, a harbor and transportation committee and an industrial committee. On the former will sit the mayor himself, with Aldermen Curtis, Gray and White, while Aldermen Curtis, White and Lynch will form the second. The formation of these two committees seems to foreshadow a progressive policy during the current year with special attention to be paid to material advance.

WANT BRIDGE.

Nelson, Jan. 19.—At a largely-attended mass meeting of the citizens of Nelson resolutions were passed urging the government to build a bridge across the west arm of the Kootenay lake opposite Nelson. The city council has already promised to pay the expenses of two delegates to interview the provincial government, and at the meeting a large sum was subscribed to pay the expenses of an additional delegate. It was estimated that a wooden bridge could be constructed for little over $50,000. The bridge would give the many settlers on the north shore of the west arm of the Kootenay lake access to Nelson, whereas in winter they are often unable to reach a market and source of their supplies, even by boat, which is their sole means of communication in the summer. The bridge would also enable people of Nelson to make use of a road nearly finished by the government from opposite Nelson to Kaslo via Balfour. At present Nelson is practically without roads in any direction.

LADYSMITH COUNCIL.

Ladysmith, Jan. 19.—At the first meeting of the council Mayor Dier named the various committees for the year as follows:

Finance—Ald. M. Matheson, Malone and Campbell.

Electric Light—Ald. Malone, M. Matheson and Turner.

Street—Ald. Bauld, Malone, and Siler.

Sewer—Ald. D. J. Matheson, Malone and M. Matheson.

Sanitary—Ald. Siler, Turner and D. J. Matheson.

Cemetery—Ald. Turner, Bauld and Siler.

Fire Wardens—Ald. Campbel, Bauld and D. J. Matheson.

"POTATO KING" HONORED.

Ladner, Jan. 19.—Asahael Smith, the "Potatoe King," winner of the Stillwell trophy and the championship of the world at the recent show in New York City, was the guest of honor at a recent dinner given by the Delta Board of trade at the Delta Hotel. C. H. Stuart Wade, Mr. Smith's associate at the show, was also present. A. Davey occupied the chair and there were present more than a hundred representative men of the district. An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of an illuminated address and a gold medal to Mr. Smith, the Delta Board of Trade being the donors, through their secretary, W. H. Wilson.

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"Navigable Waters Protection Act."

Notice is hereby given that Ludwig Hermann Leonholm and John Barnsley of Victoria, British Columbia, are applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in Selkirk Waters, Victoia Arm, Victoria, B. C., being on the lands situate lying and being in the city of Victoria aforesaid, and known, numbered and described as lots thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) Burnside Extension of the Work Estate as shown on the map or plan filed in the Land Registry Office at the City of Victoria; British Columbia, and numbered one hundred and eleven (111) and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar General of Titles in the Land Registry Office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter of the said application will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in the "Canada Gazette."

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NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of James Faulds, Deceased, Interstate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrators' Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Clement, dated the 21st day of December, 1911, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of same to me on or before the 22nd day of January, 1912, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

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Financial News

STRENGTH DEVELOPS IN CLOSING HOUR

Shorts Cover Freely on New York Market—Great Northern Advances

New York, Jan. 19.—Characteristic quietness marked the earlier trend of trading on the New York Stock Exchange, unchanged from action of the past few days, but the market was an improvement on that of yesterday. Ex-dividend on Louisville & Nashville, and ex-rites plus ex-dividend for Lehigh Valley were due to-day, and this caused some trading of considerable quality in the latter issue. Great Northern advanced three points from yesterday, and interest centred largely around this stock.

During the last hour, the market developed a strong tone, and shorts were covering freely. It is rumored that the Hill lines will do some new financing, and activity in their issues are anticipated.

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	High.	Low.	Bid.
Amal. Copper	65¾	64¾	65¼
Amn. Agr. Chemical	60¾	60¼	60¼
Amn. Beet Sugar	58¾	57	58
Amn. Can., pref.	92¼	91¾	92
Amn. Car. & Foundry	53	52¼	52¾
Amn. Cotton Oil	46	45½	46¼
Amn. Smelting	71¾	70¼	71½
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	141¾	141¼	141¾
Amn. Tobacco, pref.	108¾	107½	108
Amn. Woollen	28	26	27
Anaconda	35½	35¼	35
Atchison	106	105¼	105½
B. & O.	105¾	104¼	105½
B. R. T.	78½	78	78
C. P. R.	232	231	232
Central Leather	19¼	19	19
C. & O.	72	71½	71¾
C. & G. W.	18¼	18	18¼
Do., pref.	36½	35¼	36½
C., M. & St. P.	108¾	107¾	107¾
D. & R. G.	21¼	21	21¼
Distillers Sec.	30¾	30¾	30¾
Erie	31¾	30¾	31¼
Do., 1st pref.	52¼	51¾	52¼
G. N., pref.	129¾	126¾	128¾
G. N. Ore ctfs.	40½	40	40
Illinois Cent.	139½	139¼	139½
Inter-Metro.	17¾	17	17¼
Do., pref.	55¼	54¾	55
Kas. City Southern	27¼	27	27
L. & N., xd.	154¼	152	154
Lehigh Valley, xd. & r.	166¾	165¾	166¾
Ray Cons.	18¼	18	18
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	134	133¾	133½
M., K. & T.	28½	28¼	28
Mo. Pacific	41	40½	40½
Nat. Biscuit	149	148¾	148¾
Nat. Rys. of Me 2nd pref.	35½	35¾	35½
Nev. Cons.	19¾	19¼	19¼
N. Y. C.	108¼	107½	108¼
N. Y. O. & W.	38¾	38	38
N. & W.	109¼	109	109¼
Pacific Mail	31¾	31½	31½
Pennsy.	123¼	123¾	123¼
People's Gas	105¼	104½	105
Reading	156¾	153½	156¾
Rock Island	24¾	24½	24¾
Do., pref.	50¾	50	50
S. P.	110¼	109¾	110¼
Sou. Railway	29	28	28¾
Do., pref.	71	69¾	70
Tenn. Copper	38½	38	38
U. P.	168¼	166¼	168
U. S. Rubber, 1st pref.	110	109¾	110¼
U. S. Steel	67	65¾	66¾
Do., pref.	111	110¾	111
Utah Copper	56¼	56	56¼
Western Union	85¾	84½	85½
Westinghouse	74	73¾	73¼

Money on call, 2¼ per cent.

Total sales, [illegible]900 shares.

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Victoria, Jan. 19.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	9.25	9.30	9.24	9.31-32
March	9.39	9.46	9.37	9.45
May	9.54	9.61	9.52	9.60-61
July	9.66	9.73	9.63	9.72-73
Aug.	9.65	9.70	9.65	9.70
Sept.	9.71	9.75	9.71	9.74-75
Oct.	9.76	9.83	9.75	9.82-83
Nov.	9.57	9.59	9.57	9.58-59
Dec.	9.83	9.89	9.82	9.88-90

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NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Jan 19.—Money on call steady, 2@2¼ per cent; ruling rate, 2 per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2¼ per cent. Time loans easy; 60 days, 2¼@2½ per cent.; 90 days, 2¼@2¾ per cent.; 6 months, 3¼ per cent. Close—Prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83.80 for 60 days, and at $4.87.05 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.83. Bar silver, 56⅞c. Mexican dollars, 45c. Bonds, governments firm; railroads steady.

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NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Jan. 19.—Raw sugar firm; Muscovado, 89 test, $3.90; centrifugal, 96 test, $4.45@$4.60; molasses sugar, 89 test, $3.70@$3.75; refined sugar firm.

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NEW YORK METALS

New York, Jan. 19.—Copper easy; spot, $14@$14.15. Tin, $4.27@$4.85. Lead, $4.40@.50. Spelter, $6.50@$6.65.

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TORONTO STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	Bid.	Ask.
B. C. Packers "A"	94	101
Do., "B"	99	101
Do., common	73	78
Canada Cement	30	30½
Do., pref.	89	..
Can. Gen. Electric	114	115
Consumers Gas	192	193
Dom. Iron. pref.	102	104
Dom. Steel Works	58¾	..
Dom. Telegraph	104½	..
Maple Leaf	63½	64½
Do., pref.	98	98½
Mex. L. & P.	86	..
Montreal Power	190	191¼
N. S. Steel	92½	93½
Penman's	59	59½
Do., pref.	84	..
Porto Rico Railway	74½	75¼
R. & O. Nav. Co.	123	..
Rio Janeiro Tram.	113½	114
St. L. & C. Nav. Co.	90	..
Sao Paulo Tram.	190¼	190¾
Shredded Wheat	79	80½
Toronto Railway	135¾	136
Winnipeg Railway	..	249¾

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Victoria, Jan. 19.—The local market remains dull, only one sale being recorded to-day. Industrials are firm, but mining stocks are sliding back for want of support.

	Bid.	Asked.
American Canadian Oil	....	.11
Canadian Northwest Oil	.04	.05½
Can. Pac. Oil	.10	.15
Maricopa Oil	.01½	.01½
International Coal & Coke	.56	.58
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	....	.50
Royal Collieries	.05	.08
Western Coal & Coke	1.00	....
B. C. Packers, com.	70.00	....
C. N. P. Fisheries	3.00	3.50
B. C. Permanent Loan	124.00	....
Dominion Trust Co.	120.00	....
Great West Permanent (a)	122.00	....
Pacific Loan	....	35.00
Stewart Land	7.00	....
B. C. Copper	4.00	4.50
Can. Cons. S. & R.	38.00	....
Granby	37.00	39.00
Coronation Gold	.32	.40
Kootenay Gold	....	.56
Lucky Jim Zinc	.24	....
Nugget Gold	.45	.52
Rambler Cariboo	.50	.55
Standard Lead	1.45	....
Glacier Creek	.02	.03½
Portland Canal	.05¼	.06¾
Klaskino Gold	.07	....
Snowstorm	.20	....

Sales.

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BANK STOCKS.

As quoted on the Toronto Stock Exchange:

	Bid.	Ask.
Commerce	215	217
Imperial	227½	228
Molsons	204½	206
Nova Scotia	276	..
Royal	229	..
Toronto	212¾	..
Union	149½	150
Metropolitan	197	..
Dominion	235	..
Merchants	199½	..
Montreal	244	..
Ottawa	209	..
Standard	237	..
Traders	145	..
Hamilton	203	..

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PACKERS' TRIAL MAY LAST FOUR MONTHS

Attorneys Take Steps to Shorten Case in Progress at Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Steps were taken yesterday to expedite the trial of the ten Chicago packers charged with conspiracy in maintaining a combination in restraint of trade. Taking of testimony began December 21, and only nine witnesses have been heard. In addition to their testimony, 80 voluminous statistical documents have been offered in evidence. At the present rate, it is estimated that it would take the government until May 1 to complete its case, as District Attorney Wilkerson still has about 70 witnesses to be called. The defence expects to call 100 or more witnesses and offer a mass of documentary evidence so that the trial may not be concluded until next August or September.

District Attorney Wilkerson yesterday checked over the list of government witnesses with a view to shortening the hearing. The plan now is to limit the questioning of witnesses to material points and introduce nothing but important documentary evidence, in the hope of concluding the trial in May. H. A. Timmins, chief accountant for Morris & Company, began his seventh day on the stand yesterday.

"Is there in your possession any book showing the detailed amounts in dollars and cents received by Morris & Co. for fresh meat sold in September, 1907?" asked Attorney Sheehan. "No, our books show the total amounts received from the branch houses after accounts are deducted," replied Timmins.

"Do you expect us to keep memorandums of all accounts of sales?" angrily shouted Attorney M. W. Borders.

"If they would fill this courtroom full, yes."

"The government has ceased to expect anything from the defence," replied Attorney Pierce Butler.

"I object to the inference that any of our accounts have been destroyed," said Mr. Borders. "The witness has answered some of these questions."

"If he has I don't understand his answers," said Mr. Sheehan.

The witness said that the monthly accounts gave no accurate information regarding the profit or loss of the business except when the inventory of stocks on hand was considered in connection with other figures. The witness explained the "cellar" account on the books, which he said was used to keep a record of corned and pickled and salt beef.

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LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool cotton close quiet, 2 to 2½ lower.

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EARL GREY AS FINANCIER.

London, Jan. 19.—Earl Grey's activities are tending towards cosmopolitan finance. He becomes chairman of the new British Bank of Northern Commerce, with a capital of $10,000,000, and with support from substantial banks at Stockholm, Copenhagen, Christiania, St. Petersburg and Paris.

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FRASER RIVER FLOTATION.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—G. W. Farrell & Company, of Montreal, are offering $1,500,000 of six per cent. first mortgage bonds of the Upper River Fraser Lumber Company. The company possess 281 square miles of forest in British Columbia. Hon. W. C. Edwards, of Ottawa, is president, and the board of directors consists of a group of prominent lumbermen from Ottawa, Winnipeg, Montreal and Quebec. The timber licenses of the company are on the Upper Fraser and contiguous to the Grand Trunk. They are said in the prospectus to cover three and a half billion feet of red cedar, fir, white pine, etc.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET FEATURELESS

Small Range of Movement in the Pit—Buenos Ayres Market Lower

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The wheat market opened dull and featureless, with most of the bears timid about selling short except on the swells. There was a lower Buenos Ayres market with a larger world's shipment forecast. Northwest receipts were fair. This comprises all news of notice for the day, and the very small range of movement evidenced the dearth of market influences. As soon as the Argentine condition can be disposed of as a factor, traders will be in a position to act more decisively either way.

Corn and oats both followed lead of wheat to-day, as yesterday. Situation gives signs of further strength, which should be accelerated by any wheat firmness.

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
May	100¼	100⅝	99⅞	100⅛
July	94⅞	95¼	94⅝	94⅞
Sept.	93¼	93⅞	93¼	93⅜
Corn—				
May	66¼	66⅝	65⅞	66¼
July	66	66¼	65⅝	65⅞
Sept.	66⅜	66½	66	66¼
Oats—				
May	49½	49⅞	49½	49⅝
July	44⅞	45¼	44⅞	45
Sept.	40⅞	40⅝	40⅞	40⅝
Pork—				
May	16.25	16.30	16.15	16.27
July	16.42	16.42	16.30	16.30
Lard—				
May	9.47	9.47	9.37	9.37
July	9.60	9.60	9.50	9.50
Short Ribs—				
May	8.80	8.80	8.67	8.67
July	8.85	8.85	8.75	8.75

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WHEAT RECEIPTS

Wheat receipts in carloads follow:

	To-day.	Last Year.
Minneapolis	308	293
Duluth	15	33
Winnipeg	253	53
Kansas City	35	57
*St. Louis	38,000	33,000

*St. Louis receipts in bushels.

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GRAIN MARKETS

Liverpool, Jan. 19.—Wheat closed unchanged to ⅛ lower; corn unchanged to ⅛ lower.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Wheat closed ⅛ higher.

Paris, Jan. 19.—Wheat closed ⅛ to 1⅛ higher.

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CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500; market steady; beeves, $4.83@$8.50; Texas steers, $4.50@$5.90; western steers, $4.83@$5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.75@$6; cows and heifers, $2.25@$6.75; calves, $6.05@$9.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; market steady; light, $5.80@$6.25; mixed, $5.95@$6.37½; heavy, $6@$6.40; rough, $6@$6.15; pigs, $4.60@$5.70; bulk of sales, $6.20@$6.30.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; market weak; native, $3.25@$4.75; western, $3.60@$4.75; yearlings, $4.90@$5.80; lambs, native, $4.50@$6.80; western, $5@$6.25.

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LONDON COPPER

London, Jan. 19.—London copper close—Spots, £62 16s. 3d., off 1s. 3d.; sales, 300 tons. Futures, £63 11s. 3d., off 1s. 3d.; sales, 1,300 tons. Closed steady.

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NEW YORK CURB.

New York, Jan. 19.—Ely Cons., ⅛@9-16; F. Nat., 2¾@3; Ins., 10¾@10⅞; Ko., 3⅞@⅞; Nev. Ut., 1 1-16@⅛; Nip., 6⅞@7; Oh., ⅞@15-16; Ray Cent., 1 13-16@⅞; Rose, 3 1-116@¼; B. C. C., 4⅝@⅞; Bay State, 1⅛@9-16; Braden, 5⅝@⅞; Mason, 1⅞@2⅛; Soo, 11-13; Cloo., 28@32; I. B., 100@102½; Car., 20 ax.

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THE CITY MARKET

In the wholesale market quite a number of changes are noted. Winesap apples have gone up 25c., cbabage has dropped 1c. per pound, and chestnuts 2c. Eggs have gone down 5c., lemons 50c. per case, and potatoes are now priced at from $30 to $37. Navel oranges have dropped another 25c. In the retail market veal has gone up 2½c.

Oils.		
Pratt's Coal Oil		1.60
Eocene		1.75
Meats.		
Hams (B. C.), per lb.	.20@	.25
Bacon (B. C.), per lb.	.25@	.28
Hams (American), per lb.		.25
Bacon (American), per lb.		.35
Bacon (long clear), per lb.		.22
Beef, per lb.	.10@	.25
Pork, per lb.	.12½@	.25
Mutton, per lb.	.15@	.30
Lamb, hindquarter	2.00@	2.50
Lamb, forequarter	1.50@	[illegible]
Veal, per lb.	.12½@	.30
Suet, per lb.		.15
Farm Produce.		
Fresh Island Eggs		.50
Butter, Cowichan		.50
Buter, Victoria		.50
Butter, Salt Spring		.50
Butter, Eastern Townships		.35
Lard, per lb.		.20
Western Canada Flour Mills.		
Purity, per sack		1.90
Purity, per bbl.		7.25
Hungarian Flour.		
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack		1.90
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.		7.25
Robin Hood, per sack		1.90
Robin Hood, per bbl.		7.25
Vancouver Milling Co., Hungarian, per sack		1.85
Vancouver Milling Co., Hungarian, per bbl.		7.10
Lake of Woods, per sack		1.90
Lake of Woods, per bbl.		7.25
Calgary Hungarian, per sack		1.90
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.		7.25
Enderby, per sack		1.90
Enderby, per bbl.		7.10
Pastry Flours.		
Snowflake, per sack		1.85
Snowflake, per bbl.		7.00
Vancouver Milling Co., Wild Rose		1.75
Drifted Snow per sack		1.75
Grain.		
Wheat, chicken feed, per ton	35.00@	45.00
Wheat, per lb.		.02½
Whole Corn		45.00
Cracked Corn		47.00
Oats		33.00
Crushed Oats		35.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7-lb. sk.	.35@	.40
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 20-lb. sk.		1.05
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 40-lb. sk.		1.90
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 80-lb. sk.		3.50
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack		.50
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack		2.25
Rolled Wheat, 10 lbs.		.65
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs.		.55
Wheat Flakes, per packet	.12½@	.35
Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.		.45
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.		.50
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.		1.75
Feed.		
Hay (baled), per ton	20.00@	22.00
Straw, per ton		16.00
Middlings, per ton		22.00
Bran, per ton		30.00
Ground Feed, per ton		33.00
Shorts		23.00
Poultry.		
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	.25@	.35
Ducks, per lb.	.25@	.30
Geese (Island), per lb.	.20@	.25
Fruit.		
Bananas, doz.		.35
Grapefruit each, 10c., or 3 for		.25
Lemons, doz.	.30@	.35
Oranges, doz.	.30@	.50
Canteloupes, each	.10@	.15
Peaches, lb.		.08
Plums, lb.		.08
Watermelons, lb.		.02½
Apples, lb.	.05@	.08
Grapes, lb.	.10@	.15
Vegetables.		
Beets, lb.		.03
Cabbage, lb.		.03
Onions, lb.		.04
Turnips, lb.		.03
Green Corn, doz.		.30
Carrots, lb.		.03
Green Peas, lb.		.08
Beans, lb.		.08
Potatoes		1.75
Fish.		
Salmon, Red Spring, lb.		.20
Salmon, White Spring, lb.		.20
Halibut (Vancouver), lb.		.15
Cod, lb.		.12½
Herring, lb.		.10
Finnan Haddie, lb.		.15
Bloaters, lb.		.12½
Shrimps (imported), lb.		.25
Crabs (local), lb.		.12½
Crabs (imported), lb.		.15
Oolichans (salted), lb.		.15
Salmon Bellies, lb.		.15
Flounders, lb.		.10
Soles, lb.		.15
Kippers		.12½
Mackerel, fresh Eastern, lb.		.20
Smelets, lb.		.15

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Bananas		.05½
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Cabbage, per lb.	.02½@	.03
Cheese	.18@	.19
Chestnuts		.15
Comox Butter		.43
Creamery Butter		.35
New Zealand Butter		.35
Cucumbers (hothouse), per doz.		2.00
Cauliflower, per doz.		2.00
Eggs (local)		.45
Eggs (California fresh)		.40
Eggs (Eastern)	.35@	.37
Filberts, per lb.		.15
Grapes (Malaga), barrel		7.50
Shrimps (alive), lb.		.35
Grapefruit, per box		4.00
Hams		.17
Haddies, per lb.		.09
Lard	.13½@	.14½
Lemons	4.00@	5.00
Lettuce (hot-house), per crate		1.25
Onions (Oregon)		.02½
Parsley		.50
Peanuts, roasted		.10
Pomegranates		2.50
Potatoes	30.00@	37.00
Sweet Potatoes		.05
Turnips, per sack		1.00
Walnuts, per lb.	.16@	.21
Oranges, navel	2.75@	3.00
Oranges, Japanese		.55

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TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE—Repairing specialty. Moody Block. Phone 2320.

WINDOW CLEANING.

IF YOU WANT your windows cleaned contracts taken. Phone L1382. The Island Window Cleaning Co., 731 Princess Ave.

WATCH REPAIRING

A. PETCH, 1416 Douglas street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

WOOD AND COAL

J. E. GRICE, wood and coal. Foot of Johnson and Wharf. Phone 149. f15

Y. W. C. A.

FOR THE BENEFIT of young women in or out of employment. Rooms and board. A home from home. 756 Courtenay street.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

PARTNER WANTED who can solicit orders for merchandise from merchants and attend to salesroom; capital required $1,000; strictest investigation, young man preferred. Apply Box 820, Times. f22

LEADING ISLAND HOTEL, doing a great business; a splendid investment. For particulars see Lewis & Hindmarch, 532 Broughton street. f20

FOR RENT—HOUSES

TO RENT—5 roomed cottage, St. James street, James Bay, $25 month. Apply Lewis & Hindmarch, 532 Broughton St. f20

TO RENT—8 room house, with one acre of grounds, corner of Craigflower and Arm street; rent $40 per month. Empire Realty Co. f19

FOR RENT—Large ten roomed house, Victoria West, partly furnished, rent $50 per month. Apply Pemberton & Son. f19

TO RENT—8 roomed house, 1 block from City Hall. Apply A. Bassett, Hudson's Bay Co., city. f19

HOUSE, 5 rooms, to let to party buying contents. Box 831, Times. f22

FOR SALE—ACREAGE

ONE ACRE, Victoria West, corner; will sub-divide; price $3,200. 301 Times Bldg. f20

IF ITS A QUESTION of small poultry farms, come in and see us. We have some small pieces of acreage at $300 an acre, 8 miles from the city. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Blk. f19

QUATSINO SOUND—The coming terminus on Vancouver Island for transcontinental railways, 36 hours nearer the Orient than Vancouver; 70 acres of fine land, with gentle slope to water; fine harbor with good anchorage. For particulars apply Box 865, Times. f20

FOR SALE—Five acres near Duncan and close to C. N. R., new road, 3 roomed house, good, deep well, pump attached; two acres clear, remainder very light bush, faces south and main road frontage; suitable for fruit, chickens and garden truck; good district and splendid outlook; would make beautiful country home. Owner must sell to meet other payments; price $1,500 cash, or $1,700 on terms of $500 cash, balance 6, 12 and 18 months at 6 per cent. This stands good for one week only. Box 862 Times. f19

ACREAGE in parcels of 2½ acres, or more to suit; 2 acres of most excellent cultivated land in each lot, close to creek and road; 8 miles from Victoria; near Luxton, new C. N. Ry. station, Happy Valley; price $600 an acre, easy terms. Owner, A. Cosh, 1817 Cook street, Victoria, B. C. Phone R1843. f17

SNAP EXTRAORDINARY—5 acres, nearly all cleared, first-class land, 7 miles from city, backing on Glen Lake, fronting on West Sooke road, railroad depot a stone's throw from the property, small house, neglected chicken runs and stable. This is a good speculation, but owner would prefer selling to hustler who would work the land; owing to water being so plentiful this property would make an ideal hog ranch; price yesterday $4,000; price for the next five days reduced to $3,300, easy terms. Owner must have money. G. S. Leighton, 1112 Government St. f20

REAL ESTATE AGENTS may list my 20-acre fruit and fowl ranch on the Cedar Hill road, on the usual terms. It includes three nice orchards—prune, cherry and peach—separately fenced, several acres of strawberries and about 200 berried hollies; fine house, excellent outhouses, large hen run, 2 wells, magnificent oaks in part not under cultivation; ideal for suburban sub-division, high elevation, fine views, abounds in choice building sites; price $1,250 per acre, easy terms. Unimproved land adjoining sold recently at $1,500 per acre. New car route surveyed in vicinity. Fetherston, Cedar Hill road, via Mount Tolmie P. O. f3

FOR SALE—ARTICLES.

FOR SALE—Nearly new gramophone, also piano. Particulars Box 792, Times. f20

FOR SALE—One extra large grizzly bear skin, mounted. Apply Room 4, 1112 Government street. f19

FOR SALE—One second-hand, 50 horse power engine, in good running order. Lemon, Gonnason & Co., Ltd., city. f16 tf

FOR SALE—Fine Stainer violin, in perfect condition; price $200. For particulars apply Box 819, Times. f22

STOCK-TAKING SALE at Butler's new furniture store, 734 and 736 Pandora street. Don't miss it. Our prices have always been low, but this week our goods are at next to cost. Come and get our prices. f20

DINING ROOM SET—A set of dining room furniture, sideboard, extension table and six chairs, all oak and in excellent condition, for sale; cost about $200; will be sold for about one-half. Apply at 633 Simcoe street.

SIDEBOARD—An oak sideboard, used, but in first-class condition, for sale, $50; cost $100. Apply at 633 Simcoe street. Phone 634.

FOR SALE—Cheap, one large steam boiler, good for green-house. Inquire 1516 Blanchard street. n24 tf

FOR SALE—ARTICLES (Continued.)

PIANOLA MUSIC SALE—Large selection of rolls offered at half price. Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., opposite Post Office. f20

FOR SALE—A new piano, cost $450; price $300. Apply 129 Government street. f19

BOATS FOR SALE—Flat bottom boats for sale, all sizes in stock and made to order. Capital Jobbing Factory, 1003 Yates street. jy27 tf

LOGGERS, TAKE NOTICE—For sale one Washington Iron Works double drum, 9x10, donkey engine, in good order; also one Albion Iron Works 9x10 upright engine, in good order, cheap. Apply the Moore & Whittington Lumber Co., Ltd., Pleasant street. f30 tf

NEW FURNITURE—Bedsteads, springs and mattresses are sold cheaper at Butler's, 734 and 736 Pandora street, than at any other house in Victoria.

MUSIC FOR PLAYER PIANOS—Large selection of rolls offered at half price. Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., Ltd., opposite Post Office. f20

FOR SALE—Shotgun, 12 bore, $12; Smith & Wesson revolver, $6; pigskin leggings $1.25; merchant marine field glass and case, $8.50; spirit compass, 5 in., $6; overshoes, size 8, $1.25; 300 pairs of boots, very cheap. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 572 Johnson street, 6 doors below Government, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1747.

FOR SALE—LOTS

HOLLYWOOD, BEECHWOOD AND ROSS—A double corner for $2,100, on terms. Box 7020, Times. f19

GOOD BUYING—Lot on McNeil avenue, price $850; 1-3 cash. Belmont Realty, opposite Post Office. f15

LOOK—Oscar street, lot 50x135, price $1,500, 1-3 cash. Belmont Realty. f19

SNAP—Carnsew street, Fairfield, 60x120, price $1,500; 1-3 cash. Belmont Realty. f15

ROBERTSON STREET—2 nice lots $900 each, or 2 for $1,750. Box 336, P. O. f19

OAK BAY, near hotel and sea, three lots, 60x110 each, for a few days at $900, $100 cash and balance over two years. Imperial Realty Co., 545 Bastion street. f19

OAK BAY SNAP—Choice location, Oliver and St. Patrick streets, 8 fine lots, 50x135½, nicely treed, en bloc at $825, or separate $850, one-quarter cash. Imperial Realty Co., 545 Bastion street. f19

ACTON STREET—Good, high, level lot, beautiful view of city and straits, only $750, terms $350 cash, $25 a month. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Blk. f19

FERNWOOD ROAD—Beautiful lot on top of the hill, lovely view, lot runs through to Cedar Hill road, a good proposition for two small cottages, only $1250, 1-3 cash, 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18 months on the balance. Don't overlook this. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Block. f19

FIFTH STREET—Two 60 ft. lots, with lane at rear, $2,100 the pair. Kirkwood Realty & Investment Co., 318 Sayward Bldg. f20

CAMBRIDGE AVENUE—Two 60 ft. lots at $1,500 each. It does not require much thought to recognize a snap here. Kirkwood Realty Co., 318 Sayward Bldg. f20

80x240, DOUBLE CORNER, 1,000 feet from C. P. R. wharf; price $14,000. Room 301, Times Bldg. f20

90x120, CORNER, water front, on Catherine street; the cheapest property in the district. 301 Times Bldg. f20

YOUR CHANCE—Apartment house site, corner, on Belmont avenue, 2 minutes from Fort street car, 110x112, only $3,000, on easy terms. This will increase 50 per cent. in 90 days and double in 9 months. G. S. Leighton, 1112 Government street. f20

$250 CASH handles that fine lot on Burnside road, which the line will pass in a month; price $850. This must eventually go to $1,500, so get in, take your profit and step out. G. S. Leighton, 1112 Government street. f20

HODGSON & POWELL, 2nd floor, Pemberton. Two fine lots, Moss street, $1,200 each, terms. f20

CLOSE IN SNAPS—60 feet on Cook St and 180 on Maclure St., two houses of 7 and 8 rooms, modern in every respect. Apply Betterton & Jones, 20 Promis Block. Phone 143. f20

HODGSON & POWELL, 230 Pemberton. Two lots, 50x120, close to Tolmie avenue, only $590 each, terms. f20

NICE, LEVEL LOT, 50x107, inside the city limits, only $630, on terms; no other lot in the block can be bought for less than $725. May & Tisseman, 1203 Langley street. f20

OLIVER STREET, OAK BAY—Close to the Hon. Dr. Young's new residence, only $850, on terms; this is the only street in Oak Bay running through to the water. May & Tisseman, 1203 Langley street. f20

FINE CORNER on Oak Bay avenue 54x140; price $2,750, terms. Kirkwood Realty Co., 318 Sayward Block. f20

FOR SALE—POULTRY AND EGGS

100 PER CENT. PROFIT in Rhode Island Reds. Eggs for hatching. Apply Mrs. C. D. Hawkins, 2535 Work street. Phone R2761. f12

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—A young girl to assist with light house work. Apply 2318 Douglas street. f20

WANTED—A children's nurse. Apply Mrs. Crease, 915 Foul Bay road. f19

WANTED—Girl or middle-aged woman as housemaid, no children. Apply P. O. Box 573. j9 tf

WANTED—Good general help. 1402 Stadacona avenue. f6 tf

HELP WANTED—MALE.

VICTORIA, NANAIMO, LADYSMITH, ETC.—Live agents wanted to handle our new sub-division, "Scenic Heights," on the extension of Hastings street east, Vancouver's main thoroughfare. Price of lots $225 each; terms, $15 down and $10 monthly. Every lot absolutely guaranteed. Large advertising campaign now on. Specially good terms given to district agents. Best selling sub-division on the market to-day. For particulars, illustrated booklets, bird's-eye view, etc., investors and agents are invited to apply to the owners, Charles A. Bodie & Company, Limited, 614 Pender street west, Vancouver, B. C. f24

WANTED—A first-class solicitor. Apply Crown Cleaning and Pressing Works, 823 Pandora street. f20

WANTED—Two bright young men, with good knowledge of city, to work from real estate office, on liberal commission basis. Apply room 302 Pemberton Blk. f23

WANTED—First-class bench and shaper hand. Moore & Whittington, Bridge and Hillside. f19

WANTED—Man and wife, for plain cooking, house and garden work; permanent position for suitable people. Address or call 1006 Government street, Room 29, Promis Block. f19

THE AUSTRALIAN, 2641 Douglas street. With board, $5.50 to $6; without, $1 to $1.50 weekly. f12

WANTED—A shoe repairer. Apply Jackson, Electrical Shoe Shop, Fort street. j8 tf

WANTED—A boy with horse to deliver the Victoria Daily Times. Apply to Circulation Department, Daily Times.

WANTED—Men at Los Angeles, can learn trade; fair wages after second month; automobiles, electricity, plumbing, bricklaying, practical work on actual jobs; 1,200 students last 5 years; only few months required. United Trade School, Los Angeles. f31

ADVANCE, AUSTRALIA — Australian boarding house, 2641 Douglas street, for workingmen, $6 per week; bed, 25c. per night. f19

FOR SALE—HOUSES.

BEAUTIFUL HOME, Pendergast street, $3,500; $1,000 cash, balance easy. Belmont Realty, opposite Post Office. f19

A BEAUTIFUL, new, 7 room bungalow for sale, Fairfield, lot 50x135, with fine, improved garden; price $6,300, terms. Alex. D. Malet, Phone R2805. f20

FOR SALE—7 room house, with furnace, electric light, sidewalk and basement concrete, $4,500; $100 cash, $25 month; or will exchange lot for first payment. 1711 Pandora. Phone L1691. f19

NEW 4 ROOMED HOUSE on lot 35x100, beautifully finished, bathroom and pantry, modern, cheap. See owner at once. 1609 Haultain street. f19

JAMES BAY SNAP—Within two blocks of water at outer wharf, 8 roomed house and lot 30x135, producing $35 monthly. I have the exclusive sale of this most valuable property for one month only and the price is $5,000. Alex. D. Malet, Phone R2805, P. O. Box 965. f23

IF YOU INTEND buying a home call in and see photographs of the houses we have for sale. The City Brokerage, 1319 Douglas street. a19 tf

FOR SALE—On Edmonton road, near Jubilee Hospital, 6 room house, bathroom, attic and basement, electric light, $3,000; one-third cash, remainder like rent. Address owner, 1701 Edmonton road. f20

WHY PAY RENT when you can own a five-roomed cottage, just beyond the half mile circle, close to Pandora Ave., by paying $300 down and $25 a month, including interest. Inquire of Shibley & Patrick, 645 Fort St. f19

FOR SALE—Houses, lots, acreage, Esquimalt Realty Co., Esquimalt. f24

LOVELY HOMES—We have two lovely homes, just completed, large lot, beautiful view, close to car and beach; just the thing for a retired man's home; price $7,500 each, on terms to suit. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Block. f19

FOR SALE—By owner, fine new residence on the best part of Linden avenue, eight rooms, two bathrooms, halls, pantry, closets, etc., furnace, three fireplaces, beautiful view. Phone L2211. f24

A BARGAIN IN HOMES—2 modern houses of 7 and 8 rooms, 60 ft. frontage on Cook street and 120 on McClure, for sale cheap. Apply Betterton & Jones, 20 Promis Block. Phone 143. f19

A REAL BARGAIN—10 room house and one acre in Victoria West, close to car, only $7,500; terms, $1,500 cash and balance over four years. W. R. Reynolds & Co., 301 Times Building. Phone 2824. f29

$350 CASH—4 room bungalow, open fireplace, large lot, close in. Box 879, Times. f24

OUTER WHARF—If snapped at once, we can deliver a 5 roomed house on lot 33x120 for $4,750, on terms. Act quickly. Kirkwood Realty Co., 318 Sayward Block. f20

BANK STREET—Good, modern, 5 roomed house, with bath and basement, on large lot, 60 ft. x 135, a snap at $3,750, on terms. Kirkwood Realty Co., 318 Sayward Bldg. f20

$500 CASH, balance like rent; new, modern bungalow, 4 rooms, $3,500; also, same terms buys house, not new, for $2,100. Handy man would improve this and easily clear $1,000. Phone 1494 or L130, evenings. Room 207, Sayward Block. f20

FOR SALE—4 roomed cottage, bathroom, and pantry, 5 minutes from car line, near Gorge Park, on lot 40x132; $700 down, balance on easy terms. Box 881, Times. f24

MAKE A START—Stop paying rent and start the new year with a house of your own. We have a beautiful little 5 room bungalow, just off Oak Bay avenue, complete, with beamed ceilings, plate rail, cement basement, furnace, etc., $4,200, on terms. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Block. f19

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE—Quiet driving mare; also a few choice Black Minorca and Rhode Island Red cocks. 441 Gorge road. f19

HORSES FOR SALE. Jepsen's Transfer, 343 Michigan. Phone 1982. f15 tf

8 RABBITS FOR SALE. Apply 1034 Burdette avenue. f22

LOST AND FOUND.

STOLEN—Will two girls who took white and tan terrier pup from 1522 Camosun street return same? Marks known. f19

LOST—On morning train, Jan. 10, between Duncan and Victoria, purse with money and ticket from Duncan to Ladysmith. Finder please return to this office and save trouble. Mrs. C. Peterson, Ladysmith, B. C. f19

LOST—A smooth-haired fox terrier pup 6 months old, black and tan marking, answers to name of Dixon. Reward on returning to Pemberton & Sons or to F. B. Pemberton, Foul Bay Road. f9tf

LOST—Brown and white field spaniel puppy, with brass studded leather collar. Finder please return to 1151 Fairfield road, corner Trutch. $5 reward. f19

MISCELLANEOUS.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS, NOTICE—House situated 2523 Asquith street is sold. H. Hayes. f22

PIANO INSURANCE—Yes, we insure pianos at very low rates. Phone or call Currie & Power. f20

OFFICE, rent free to right party. Phone 3090. 223 Pemberton Bldg. f17 tf

CAFE WESTHOLME—Commencing Monday, business men's special luncheon, 40c. f13

$6—DO YOU KNOW that $6 will pay for $500 insurance on your household furniture and clothing for three years in some locations? See Currie & Power. f20

THE ANNUAL MEETING of shareholders in the Silver Band Mining Co., Ltd., will be held at the office, 1202 Wharf street, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, 14th February, 1912, at 8 p. m. f14

LABOR TEMPLE DRAWING—The committee beg to announce that the drawing for shares will not take place until Feb. 15 next. f18

WITHOUT DISRESPECT for what others are doing, in the public interest I now suggest that each telephone subscriber receiving an application for increased rental do tender the amount of the rate previously in force, and no more, in full settlement. The company will have no power to disregard his calls for service. I am an electrician and it is within my knowledge that the present charges are ample to give the company a good profit. Chas. Provis, Glenarm, Craigflower road, Victoria. f4

CANADIAN INSURANCE FOR CANADIANS—Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Company, of Halifax, N. S. Currie & Power, agents. f20

FOR GOOD RESULTS list your property with G. S. Leighton, 1112 Government street. Phones: Office, 1500; Res., 2533.

J. W. BOLDEN, carpenter. Alterations, jobbing work, repairs, etc. Address 616 Cook, or Phone 1308.

IF YOU WANT to sell your house, list it with the City Brokerage, 1319 Douglas street, who make a specialty of homes and who photograph all the houses they have for sale. a19 tf

ROOMS AND BOARD.

ROOMS AND PART BOARD in clean, comfortable house, on car line, bath, electric light; moderate terms. Ballyteerim, opposite Fairview Greenhouses, Esquimalt road. f19

TO LET—Comfortable bedroom, suit two gentlemen, with or without board. 211 Mary street. Phone L1354. f24

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms in a quiet home, central, close to cars; suitable for ladies; use of kitchen. Apply mornings or evenings, 1215 Cook street, near Yates street. f22

ROOMS AND BOARD (Continued.)

ROOMS TO LET, with or without board, 1002 Fairfield Rd., cor. Vancouver. f19

ROOM for gentlemen, with or without board, in comfortable, modern home. Phone 1771. f19

COMFORTABLE FRONT ROOMS, with breakfast and six o'clock dinner, for two gentlemen rooming together. 303 Mary street, Victoria West. f24

COMFORTABLE ROOM, with breakfast if desired, 12 minutes from Post Office by way Humboldt street. 462 Chester avenue, off Fairfield road. f24

FURNISHED ROOMS, breakfast if desired. 406 Michigan street. Phone 1202. f15

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with breakfast and evening meal, every convenience, 10 minutes from Post Office. 1924 Pakington street. Phone R3076. f20

A GOOD HOME for young men, room and board. 2712 Prior street. f19

2 NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS to let, near Shoal Bay, to one or two gentlemen. Address Mrs. Rowe, O. B. Post Office. f19

TO LET—A pleasant bedroom. 314 Oswego street. f19

COURT ROOMS—One person, 35 cents; two persons, 60 cents. 530 Chancery Lane. f34

WARM, COMFORTABLE ROOMS, with good board, $5.50 per week; board only, $4 per week. C. I. A. Boarding House, 2515 Turner street, Rock Bay. f21

FIRST-CLASS ROOMING HOUSE, with breakfast, for gentlemen. Miss E. H. Jones, 406 Michigan street. Phone 1202. f25

JAMES BAY HOTEL—New, modern, and up-to-date, 2 1-2 blocks from Parliament buildings, in fine location, 100 rooms, beautifully furnished, telephone in all rooms, rates by day, week, or month. First-class grill in connection. Popular prices. Phone Manager, 2304. f23

NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS, close in, electric light, heat and bath; terms moderate. 313 Kingston street, James Bay. f20

CLARENCE HOTEL—Under new management. Yates and Douglas streets. Moderate prices. Phone 1067.

NEW HOTEL BRUNSWICK—Best location, no bar, strictly first-class, special winter rates, two entrances. Corner Douglas and Yates. Phone 317.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

2 GOOD housekeeping rooms to let, in private house, convenient to business quarter. Apply Room 8, Mahon Building. f20

FOR RENT—One furnished room, suitable for light housekeeping; bath, light and phone. 601 Trutch St. Phone L2696. f19

TO LET—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Telephone R2013. 1341 Vining street. f22

FURNISHED FLAT, with use of bathroom, electric light, hot and cold water, in healthy locality, just off Fernwood road. Apply Box 832, Times. f22

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS and bedrooms, every convenience. Phone R2067 and R2276. f19

TO RENT—2 large housekeeping rooms, kitchen and pantry, furnished, ground floor. 2712 Prior street. f19

FOR RENT—Housekeeping rooms. 2854 Douglas. f21

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms for bachelors. 2858 Douglas street. f21

PRIVATE BOARD.

THE POPLARS—Room and board, $1 per day; single meals, 25c; the best in the city for the money. Corner Belleville and Government streets, one minute from C. P. R. docks. D. F. Green, mgr.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

YOUNG LADY would like position as stenographer or assistant. Box 884, Times Office. f22

WANTED—By a practical maternity nurse, maternity cases; no objection to country. Box 785, Times. f25

RESPECTABLE WIDOW OF 35 seeks engagement as housekeeper or manageress of a good rooming house; good references. Apply Box 776, Times. f19

WELL EDUCATED LADY, musical, experienced, desires position as governess. Miss Copland, 178 Edmonton, Winnipeg. f26

RAPID TYPIST and experienced dictaphone operator desires position. Miss Copland, 178 Edmonton, Winnipeg. f26

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

HANDY MAN with tools, rough carpentering, paper hanging, concrete. Phone R2076. 1326 Stanley. f20

NEW BEDS, $1 weekly. 2641 Douglas St. f12

WANTED—HOUSES.

WANTED—5 or 6 roomed, modern bungalow; price from $3,500 to $5,000. Reply Box 7059, Times. f22

WANTED—To purchase, 6 room bungalow, modern, nicely located, with basement; can pay $400 cash, balance as rent. Please state particulars, price and location. C., Box 1080, Post Office. f24

WANTED—PROPERTY

IF YOU HAVE LOTS or houses for sale on Fort street, Cook street, Oak Bay avenue, come in and list them with us. We will not ask you for exclusive sale. Taylor & Mason, 841 Fort street. Phone 1741. f20

WANTED—For cash, lots or acreage in Fairfield or Oak Bay; give price and location. Box 822, Times. f19

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—A horse and wagon. Apply Masters' Bakery, 1027 Cook street. f19

WANTED—A good cart horse. Apply 853 Times Office. f19

WANTED—To rent, immediately, 5 room cottage, or large furnished room, close in. Box 848, Times. f19

LADY, with good home in city, wishes to board and care for small child. Box 826, Times. f22

WANTED TO RENT—Modern 6 or 7 roomed house, by February 8th, close to car line; steady tenant; no children; rent reasonable. Address Box 500, Times. Phone L1229. f23

WANTED—Several loans aggregating $10,000; first-class security. May & Tisseman, 1203 Langley. f10

WANTED—Highest cash price paid for cast-off clothing, boots and shoes, carpenters' tools, pistols, shotguns, trunks, valises, etc. Phone or send a card and we will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 572 Johnson street, 6 doors below Government, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1747.

SECOND-HAND STOVES wanted at Foxgord's. Inquire 1608 Douglas. Phone L1482.

LODGES

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas street. R. W. Fawcett, Rec. Sec., 237 Government street.

COURT CARIBOO, No. 743, I. O. O. F., meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in K. of P. Hall, corner of Pandora and Douglas streets. Visiting brothers welcome. J. W. H. King, Rec. Secy. E. P. Nathan, Fin. Secy.

K. OF P.—No. 1, Far West Lodge, Friday, K. of P. Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora Sts. J. L. Smith, K. of R. & S. Box 544.

VICTORIA, No. 17, K. of P., meets at K. of P. Hall, every Thursday. E. C. Kaufman, K. of R. & S. Box 164.

A. O. F., COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5935, meets at Foresters' Hall, Broad street, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, Secy.

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REAL ESTATE

GARDEN CITY—On Burnside car track, close to station, quarter acre lot for $550; cash $100 and $15 month; lots near are offering at $750. Buy now. Cecil street, 50x112, high lot, few minutes from car, $500; cash $125. Edwin Frampton Realty, corner Broad and View streets. j22

5 ROOMED HOUSE FOR SALE, all conveniences, close in. Apply Box 754, Times. j22

A PROPERTY WELL BOUGHT is half sold again. For instance, a lot 50x120 on Niagara, near Menzies, at $2,100 is a good buy and will show quick profit. Good to Monday only at this price. Box 7084, Times. j19

SNAP IN JAMES BAY—Corner Kingston and Oswego, 60x120, 2 houses on the property, 5 and 8 rooms, rented at $40 per month; price $7,000; $2,000 cash, balance 6, 12, 18 months. Let us show you this one. Allen & Son, Phone 1650, over Northern Crown Bank. j19

BEAUTIFUL LOT on Fairfield road, between Linden and Moss streets, 60x120, high and dry; price $2,000; 1-3 cash, balance very easy. Allen & Son, Phone 1650, over Northern Crown Bank. j19

4 LOTS on Reservoir Hill, beautiful view, 50x120 each, fine chance for good homesite at this price, $2,200; $550 cash, balance easy. Allen & Son, Phone 1650, over Northern Crown Bank. Open evenings. j19

PORT ALBERNI CITY LOTS are safe buying; two for $20 down at $15 per month; price $150 each; no interest. L. W. Bick, 221 Sayward Bldg. j19

SEVEN ROOMED HOUSE on ¾ mile circle, modern, price $3,250; terms, $1,250 cash, balance monthly. L. W. Bick, 221 Sayward Bldg. j19

WE HAVE A BUYER for a four or five room house in Victoria West; client has $300 cash. What have you to offer? Blakeway & Young, 419 Pemberton Block. Phone 1803. j19

$300 CASH, balance $20 per month, will buy a modern, four room bungalow on car line; price $2,900. Blakeway & Young, 419 Pemberton Block. Phone 1803. j19

WANTED—House, about $4,000, for client who has $1,000 cash; must be a genuine snap. Blakeway & Young, 419 Pemberton Block. Phone 1803. j19

THREE GOOD BUYS—Willows Beach, 2 good lots, level and without rock, 50x120, $1,800 for the pair, on terms; Oak Bay, Olympia avenue, nice lot, 50x120, for $1,000, ¼ cash; Quadra street, Ellison Orchard sub-division, 2 adjoining lots, one a corner, 50x120 each, $1,800 for the two, ¼ cash, balance 9, 12 and 18 months. Camosun Realty Co., Royal Hotel, Fort street, Room 1. j22

TORONTO STREET—Lot, 40 ft. frontage, choicest locality in James Bay district, for a few days at $1,600, easy terms. John A. Turner, Room 201, Times Block. j22

JUST COMPLETED—A 7 room bungalow on Davie street, Oak Bay, the lot has 60 ft. frontage on Davie street; this is an ideal home, so get busy at once, furthermore, the owner will take a vacant lot for part payment; price $4,500, cash $1,000, balance arranged. The Bowman Investment Co., Ltd., 219 Sayward Bldg. Phone 544. j19

WE HAVE the exclusive sale of an 8 room, modern house and two lots on Monterey avenue south; the house was built by the owner and it is up-to-date in every respect; the two acres are all under cultivation, including 15 currant bushes, 200 apple trees, 150 gooseberries, also other fruits. Price for the whole property $16,000; terms, 1-3 cash or offer and the balance arranged. Let us take you out and we will show you one of the finest homes in Oak Bay. The Bowman Investment Co., Ltd., 219 Sayward Bldg. Phone 544. j19

WE HAVE the exclusive sale of 77 acres in Sec. 7, Range 2, North Saanich; this property is practically all under cultivation, having two natural springs, a windmill, house, barn, 50 fruit trees, etc.; it has a frontage of 80 rods on the East Saanich road, and 80 rods on the Central road; the B. C. E. runs across the corner of this property, making it an ideal sub. Price $550 per acre. The Bowman Investment Co., Ltd., 219 Sayward Bldg. Phone 544. j19

FIVE-ROOMED COTTAGE on Francis avenue, 120 feet from Douglas St. Only $2,300. Jalland Bros., 622 Johnson St. j22

SIX-ROOMED COTTAGE on Belmont Ave., price $2750, $500 cash, balance as rent. Jalland Bros., 622 Johnson St. j22

SIX-ROOMED NEW HOUSE, Garbally Rd., $300 cash, balance as rent. Jalland Bros., 622 Johnson St. j22

SIX-ROOMED NEW HOUSE on Dunedin St., $300 cash, balance as rent. Jalland Bros., 622 Johnson St. j22

FOUR-ROOMED NEW COTTAGE on Douglas Rd., on a lot 55x250. A snap at $2,700; easy terms. Jalland Bros., 622 Johnson St. j22

TWO ACRES, Shawnigan Lake waterfront, with 5-roomed house. Only $1,550. Apply box 906 Times. j19

FOR SALE—Williams St., Victoria West, 180x120, railroad trackage, income bearing. Price $20,000, good terms. Bagshawe & Co., 224-5 Pemberton Bldg. j22

FOR SALE—Russell St., half acre, 100 ft. frontage, close to railroad tracks. Price $12,000, terms. Bagshawe & Co. j22

FOR SALE—Wilson St., close to Russell, 7-roomed house, modern, splendid view. Price $3600, terms $500 cash, balance $30 per month. Bagshawe & Co. j22

FOR SALE—Esquimalt Rd. near Russell, lot 100x135, income bearing. Price $13,000, good terms. Bagshawe & Co. j22

THE CHEAPEST lot in James Bay is the one we offer at $1550, on terms. May & Tisseman, 1203 Langley. j22

WANTED—One or two lots in Oak Bay. If cheap enough we have the money waiting. May & Tisseman, 1203 Langley. j22

JAMES BAY WATERFRONT, 120 feet near outer wharf, for $47,500. This is the best buy in waterfrontage on the market and is good for an immediate turnover at a good profit. May & Tisseman. j22

CROMPTON & BARTON, 130 Pemberton Block, for cheap lots in all parts of the city. Open Saturday evenings. j19

SATURDAY EVENING we will be open until 9.30. See us for cheap buys in all parts of city. Crompton & Barton, 130 Pemberton Block. j19

I WILL SELL nice Craigdarroch lot for $3150, also large lot, Oxford St., Fairfield, $1375. P. O. box 336. j22

SHOAL BAY—A few nice lots near water at $850 each for quick sale. Stinson Real Estate Co. j19

LINDEN AVE.—An up-to-date residence at cut price; owner leaving the city. Stinson Real Estate Co. j19

REAL ESTATE

DOUGLAS ST., 30x120, next to Masonic Temple and opposite Hudson Bay Dept. Store property, for a few days at $1650 per foot only, by Stinson Real Estate Co., rooms 214 and 215 Sayward Blk. j19

WHO HAS IT? A client of ours wants a nice residence at a moderate price on Richardson or Burdette Sts. east of Cook and facing south. Stinson Real Estate Co. j19

JOHN STREET, 60x120, with two residences, rents $40 month, all for $8,500, on easy terms, by Stinson Real Estate Co. j19

PANDORA SPECIAL—50 feet on north side and west of Cook St., with good residence, all for $16,000, on easy terms. Stinson Real Estate Co. j19

THEY HAVE IT—Stinson Real Estate Co. have exactly what you require in any kind of property. j19

JAMES BAY—Two nice building lots, close to car and beach, nicely treed, only $1,800 each if sold this month. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Block. j22

SMALL HOUSE—Small house and lot at Shoal Bay, close to beach, lot 60x115; adjoining lots held at $1,200; house and lot if sold within three days $1,500; terms, $100 cash, balance $25 a month. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Block. j22

A MONEY MAKER—New apartment house, producing $1,680 a year in rentals, price $10,000; terms, $2,000 cash, balance $1,000 a year. Rents will pay for it. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Block. j22

AVEBURY STREET—New, modern, 5 room bungalow, cement basement, furnace, large lot, $4,000; terms, $600 cash, balance to suit. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Block. j22

DOUBLE CORNER—Richardson street, 120x150, for $2,600; terms, 1-3 cash, 6, 12 and 18; this is $400 below market value. Dunford & Son, 233 Pemberton Block. j22

SPLENDID BUSINESS CORNER in Victoria West, on car line, $6,000, on easy terms. Box 890, Times. j19

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR RENT—Two rooms, partly furnished, with stove. Apply 706 Johnson St. j22

WANTED—Position by competent mechanic; can erect or repair any kind of machinery. Box 891, Times. j25

DON'T LET YOUR WIFE spoil her health and your temper by ironing days. Get her right away a gasoline or alcohol iron and let her do the work where, and whenever she likes: on hot summer days under the shady trees or under the porch, in winter in a well-aired kitchen. No heat, danger or odor. Practical demonstration, Room 2, McCallum Building, Douglas street, any afternoon. j24

WANTED—Reliable married man to look after farm, steady employment. Post Office Box 1452. j20

FOR RENT—Residence, 18x24, two floors, no partitions, rent $15 monthly. Stinson Real Estate Co., Phone 2754. j19

TO LET—Two roomed cabin. 1041 Collinson street. j22

THE PRINT BLURS, or you have headache, or you are holding the print at some distance from your eyes, any of these defects I remedy with eyeglasses, after giving your eyes a careful test which costs you nothing extra. My prices are low, because my rent is low. Frank Clugston, optician and optometrist, 654 Yates street (corner Douglas), Room 1. j19

TO LEASE—A ground floor office in the business centre, partly fitted up. Apply P. O. Box 810. j22

BOSTON TERRIER DOGS at all ages and prices; fine chance to secure some good breeding stock. 2714 Rose St. j22

TO LET—6 roomed house (new), in James Bay, $30 per month. Dalby & Lawson, 646 Fort street. j19

LOST—On Prior St., a lady's velvet purse with sum of money and owner's address inside. Finder please return and save further trouble. j22

FOR RENT—Two large, handsome rooms, suitable for business, 2 minutes from city hall. 1709 Douglas. j22

FOR RENT—One large front room, furnished, suitable for 2 gentlemen, separate beds, bath, hot and cold. Phone. Also 1 unfurnished front room, suitable for light housekeeping. 1004 Fairfield road. Phone L1397. j22

PIANOFORTE LESSONS, $2 monthly, also in playing dance music. Box 889 Times. f20

MOTOR TRUCK for sale. Light pattern, suitable for delivery of any kind. Thos. Plimley, 730 Yates St. j25

TWO UNFURNISHED FRONT ROOMS to let, in nice locality, suit young couple. 1342 Johnson, corner of Fernwood. j22

I WANT a 4 or 5 room cottage, with $250 to $350 first payment. Box 7070, Times. j22

COMFORTABLE five roomed house for rent, with bathroom and pantry, hot and cold water, two stoves, partly furnished. P. O. Box 1486. j22

NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS, furnace heated, close in, breakfast if desired. 302 Chester street, Fairfield Estate. j22

FOUND—Persons losing unlicensed dogs should inquire at City Pound immediately. j25

FOR SALE—23 cartoons by Spy (published by Vanity Fair), dated from Sept. 18, 1876. What offers? Box 895, Times. j22

FOR SALE—Three pure bred Black Orpington and one Buff Leghorn cockerels. Apply 3066 Albany street, off Gorge road. j19

WANTED TO PURCHASE—Horse suitable for grocery wagon. Apply Windsor Grocery Co., opposite Post Office, Government St. j22

If these prices don't bring you it is because you don't need an Overcoat, $9.75, $12.75, $16.75. Read large ad. J. N. Harvey, Ltd. •

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Building Permits.—Permits have been granted to E. J. Parker for a house on Prior street, costing $2,500; to H. D. D. Samson for alterations to buildings on North Park street; to J. Leigh & Sons for a brick office and warehouse at the corner of David and Turner streets, costing $4,500; to Brett & Sewell for three dwellings on First street, costing $1,500 each; and to the Ward Investment Company for dwellings on Oscar and Cambridge, each costing $2,200.

LOCAL NEWS

Fractured His Thigh.—Mr. Clyde, an elderly gentleman, shortly after leaving Terry's drug store yesterday afternoon, fell and fractured his thigh. He was at once removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where he is receiving treatment from Dr. Sinclair.

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Zero Mark on Overcoat Prices. Read large ad. page 9. J. N. Harvey. •

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Saanich Recount.—Judge Lampman this morning fixed Tuesday at 10 a. m. as the time for the recount of the votes taken at the last election in the Saanich municipality.

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No Trace Found.—Despite the search being made for the whereabouts of William Grimm, the well-known carriage maker of Pembroke street, who disappeared last week from his home at Boleskin road, the police have been unable to trace him. The search is being continued by the police and members of Mr. Grimm's family.

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S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty, 'phone Inspector Russell, No. 1921. •

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Charity Ball.—The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Paterson have given their patronage to the Knights of Columbus charity ball, to be held on January 24th. The ball takes place in the Alexandra club ballroom and the ticket sale is proceeding very nicely. The proceeds are to be devoted to the funds of St. Joseph's and Jubilee hospitals and the Tuberculosis sanitarium.

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S. P. C. A. Lecture.—A lecture in connection with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be given in the Reformed Episcopal church schoolroom on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock by Rev. E. G. Miller. Subject: "The Sagacity of Animals." A large number of interesting lantern slides will be shown. Children and the general public earnestly invited to attend.

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Durbar Pictures.—Another series of the coronation durbar pictures are being exhibited at the Victoria theatre. This series is far more interesting than the previous one, showing the more important parts of the great ceremony in India. These films, shown for the first time yesterday, portray the scenes which took place when their Majesties arrived at Delhi and the receptions which followed. They show the historic scene during the presentation of the native princes and maharajahs when clad in their gayest regalia and laden with jewels worth many millions they came to pay homage to the King-Emperor.

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Appeal Allowed.—The court of appeal has allowed the appeal brought by the defendants in the action of Grimmond, McClery Grimmond against McNeill, Campbell & McRae. A real estate deal on which $100 and $300 had been placed as option money fell through and the plaintiffs sued for a return of the money and got judgment from Judge Grant. The appeal court reverses the judge's decision. In another real estate action, that of Dunn against Alexander, the plaintiff sued to obtain a refund of a deposit paid on a purchase that was never completed. Judge Grant gave judgment for the defendant. The plaintiff appealed and judgment is reserved. Judgment is also reserved in Barry against Hutchinson.

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A Match-Making Device.—Those interested in match-making can see in operation at 710 Yates street a wonderful new invention for the manufacture of matches. This is a machine that turns the boarded timber into the finished match without touching the hand of the worker in the entire process. By this continuous process the invention of a "native son," W. H. Parker, the most dangerous of all trades to life and health will be made innocuous, and the terrible scourges of disease that have hitherto made match-manufacture a bye-word for industrial danger, will be a thing of the past. This machine will turn out complete 6,000 matches a minute, which on a working day of ten hours means that each of these machines will manufacture no less than 3,600,000 matches a day. In Canada, it is estimated that two million matches are used every minute. Mr. Parker's wonderful invention, it is interesting to aver, is to be installed in the large factory that is being built in New Westminster for the Dominion Match Company, the pioneer of the match industry in British Columbia, which has acquired the entire rights and patents of this new process of manufacture.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS BRITISH ISLES

MANY PERSONS HAVE PERISHED IN STORMS

Gales Drive Scores of Small Vessels Ashore—Railways Blocked

London, Jan. 19.—The British Isles are blizard bound. While London escaped with a heavy snow storm a blizzard has blocked trains, wrecked telegraph lines and tied up traffic in many other parts of the kingdom. London is practically isolated as all wires to the continent except one for the public, with nine hours delay, are down. In some parts of England the snow is six to ten feet deep.

Scores of lives have been reported lost in the blizzard and the roads are so nearly impassable throughout the country that many schools have been closed. Fifteen thosand miners are idle.

In Cannock Chase district thousands of sheep have been frozen to death.

The storm is the worst in ten years.

At sea, gales continue with unabated fury. Scores of small vessels have been wrecked and many lives lost.

OBITUARY RECORD

Harriet, wife of the late J. E. Dennis, died in the Jubilee hospital yesterday. She has been an invalid for many years but her death came as a shock to her relatives here. The deceased, who was 66 years of age, had been a resident in this city for the past twenty years, coming here from England, her birthplace being Cranford, Middlesex. She is survived by two sons, James and Arthur—both of Vancouver; and Florence and Rosalie, the former of whom lives in Vancouver, the latter in this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2.15 from the Hanna & Thomson chapel, and fifteen minutes later from the Centennial Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Henderson officiating.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Bowker took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Beach Drive, Oak Bay, the Rev. William Barton officiating. There was a large attendance of friends of the deceased, and many floral tributes testified to the esteem in which she was held by those who knew her. The pallbearers were: Messrs. W. S. Chambers, David Dolg, W. Burton, J. A. Lindsay, H. H. Shandley and Arthur Coles.

The funeral of the late Charles F. Herbert took place this morning from the family residence, near Thomas' Crossing, North Saanich, at 10 o'clock, proceeding to the West Saanich Roman Catholic church, where mass was said at 12 o'clock.

The remains of the late John Smith, who died on Monday at Union Bay, will arrive in the city this evening. The funeral arrangements, which are being made by the Victoria Undertaking parlors, will be announced at a later date.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Bell took place this afternoon from the Hanna & Thomson chapel, Rev. D. McRae officiating.

The death occurred yesterday in this city of Janet Agnes Alcock, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Alcock, of Head street, Esquimalt. The funeral took place this morning at 10.30 from the family residence, the Rev. Baugh Allen officiating. The remains were interred in the naval cemetery, Esquimalt.

Chow Young Shim, a native of Canton, China, died yesterday at the Chinese hospital in this city. Shin, who was 38 years of age, was employed as a laborer in a local lumber yard, and had been in this city for the past twelve years. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the hospital to the Chinese cemetery, where the usual rites were observed.

The income tax is levied in India on all incomes of $165 and upwards, and then only one man in 700 comes within its scope.

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Price $5000
$1,500 cash, balance arranged.
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ABDICATION WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED

China's Imperial Family Reported to Have Yielded to Revolutionists

London, Jan. 19.—A dispatch to-day from the Pekin correspondent of the London Times announces that the royal family has agreed to abdicate in accordance with the terms proposed by the revolutionists. According to the dispatch two edicts will be issued at once. The first will empower Yuan Shi Kai to establish a republican form of government. Following this a second edict will be issued announcing that the Emperor has given up his throne.

ALASKA JACK AT BIJOU.

The mysterious magnetic north, the mention of which never fails to stir the pulses of the venturesome, has rarely been depicted in a manner so true to life as it is by Alaska Jack Ginivin at the Bijou theatre. Alaska Jack is a genuine specimen of the "sour dough," for he has lived the greater part of his life in Alaska and until about a year ago his family was never out of that country.

Alaska Jack has probably travelled over more of the snow-clad, ice-bound country in Alaska and thereabouts than any other man living, and he brings forcibly before the eyes of his audience by pictures and word of mouth the country at its worst and at its best. He describes how the lure of quickly acquired wealth induces men to dare rigors and hardships beyond the reach of imagination; then he branches on to the lighter side of the life and casts upon the screen slides that show how the famous Alaska Sweepstakes is run and the wonderful interest it arouses in the inhabitants where pleasures are so rare.

He shows pictures of the steamer Victoria fighting her way through the ice to Nome, his home town; and illustrates a trip in a small schooner to Siberia and the joyous welcome of the Esquimaux of East Cape, the most easterly point of Siberia.

Mr. Ginivin will be seen at the Bijou to-night and to-morrow. He is accompanied by an Esquimaux and his own son Nome.

SHORT OF FUEL.

Tokio, Jan. 19. — The Japanese steamer Kioyo, which left Honolulu January 4 for Yokohama, sent a wireless dispatch from a distance of 600 miles saying that she had insufficient coal on board to reach Yokohama.

ON WAY HOME.

Suez, Jan. 19.—King George and Queen Mary arrived here to-day on board the steamer Medina on their return journey to England from India.

PRISONER BURNED TO DEATH.

Kenora, Jan. 19.—E. Nelson, an American who had been detained in the lockup, lost his life in a fire which destroyed the fire hall and police station about 1.30 this morning. A small building adjoining the fire hall, owned by G. A. Toole, Alocock's block across the street, and all the fire fighting apparatus in the fire hall, including the teams of horses, were destroyed. The total loss is about $25,000.

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ANOTHER FRENCH STEAMER SEIZED

Officers Deny Carrying Contraband—Turkish Nurses Among Passengers

Tunis, Jan. 19.—Italian destroyers seized to-day the French steamer Manouba, bound to Tunis from Marseilles. The Manouba is a mail boat, belonging to the French Line. She was carrying 99 passengers, including 29 Turkish nurses belonging to the company of Red Cross, which has the same object as the Red Cross Society. The steamer's officials declared that the vessel was not carrying contraband of any kind, but in spite of this the steamer was arrested and taken to Sardinia.

The Italian officers who effected the capture of the Manouba profess to believe that Turkish officers were on board disguised as nurses.

The Italians also stopped and searched the German schooner Schleswid of the National German Lloyds, which left Marseilles on Wednesday and reached here yesterday and is due at Alexandria on January 22nd.

May Release the Carthage.

Paris, Jan. 19.—It is believed that as a result of negotiations now proceeding between the French ambassador at Rome and the Italian foreign office, the steamer Carthage, which was seized by Italian warships a few days ago and taken to Cagliari, in Sardinia, because she was carrying two aeroplanes which the Italians held to be contraband, will soon be released.

LAUNDRY WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Motive for Outrage at Pueblo Not Known — No Arrests

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 19.—A terrific dynamite explosion early to-day partially wrecked the Colorado laundry in the heart of the business district and shattered windows in buildings, including those of the Globe Express Company. No valuables, however, were taken from the express office. A dynamite fuse was found in the alley outside of the express company. The motive for the outrage is not known. No estimate of the damage as yet has been given out, and there have been no arrests.

The police are now working on a theory that the explosion was caused by out-of-town parties, and that it is connected with the many explosions in the last few days on jobs which were being done by structural iron workers not union men. The force of the explosion was such that windows were shattered in all surrounding houses for blocks. The windows in the Globe Express Company's office across the alley crashed to the streeet, and it was supposed at first that the safe of that company had been blown. The explosion caused great excitement, owing to the fact that the killing of an alleged "Black Hand" leader here the night before, and it was believed that the gang was taking revenge for the murder of their leader. The police, however, are of the opinion that the "Black Hand" had no connection with the affair.

J. W. Johnson, owner of the laundry and former president of the city council, says he believes the explosion was an attempt to put him out of business by wrecking the building.

FIRE IN CONVENT.

St. Jacques, Lachine, Que., Jan. 19.—While nuns and 125 pupils were at breakfast this morning fire broke out in St. Ann's convent and spread so rapidly that the inmates were obliged to hurry from the building without taking anything except what they had on. For a time it was thought the whole village might go, but the fire finally was got under control without the help asked for from Montreal. The total loss will probably be about $50,000.

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HOUSES.
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Three lots, 50x120 each, on Newport avenue; one-third cash. Only, each, **$1,000**

Corner lot, Olympia avenue. Price **$1,000**

Seats $4.00, $3.00 and $2.00 Gallery $1.00

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Monday, Feb. 12.
Direction Victoria Ladies' Musical Club.

FARMER'S DEATH.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 19.—William Savine died to-day as a result of being frozen while intoxicated. Savine was a farmer near Bethune, north of Regina. He was in town and got hopelessly intoxicated. Starting from home in forty below zero weather, his horses ran away and Savine had to walk several miles. He was badly frozen. When he arrived at home he was too drunk to put on a fire and he slept all night in the shack without any covering whatever. The next morning he realized his condition and soon made his way back to town, thence he came to Regina to a hospital. First his fingers were amputated, next his toes came off, then it was found impossible to save his feet and these were amputated. To-day he died.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

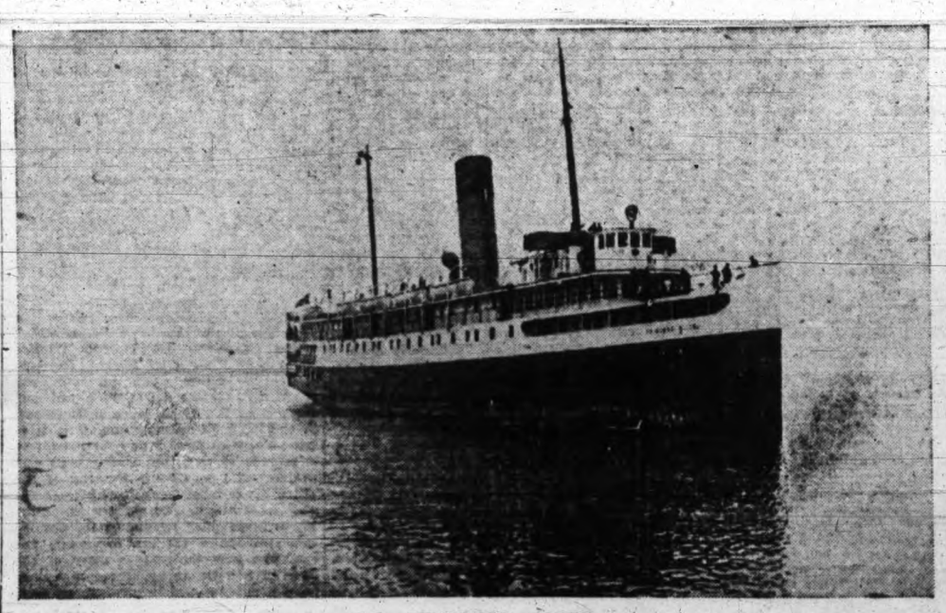
Reno, Nev., Jan. 19.—B. Noyes of this city, shot and killed his former wife at an early hour to-day and then killed himself. The woman's body was found lying in the yard and Noyes was found in his house some distance from the scene of first shooting.

Noyes secured a divorce some time ago and last night saw his wife and a man on the street together. He told the woman that he was going to kill her and this morning he carried out his threat.

LOGGING OPERATIONS.

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—A. D. McRae, vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, returned yesterday from a trip to the company's limits in the Comox district. During the past year 44 miles of a logging railway run in connection with the company's logging operations were graded. The rails are being laid as fast as is required.

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—Sir Wm. Mackenzie, who is expected here to-morrow, will have a conference with Premier Roblin regarding the extension of the Canadian Northern line from Oak Point, Manitoba, to connect with the government railway to Hudson Bay.



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LEA & PERRIN'S WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE, per bottle 35c, 65c, and $1.00
HOLBROOK'S SAUCE, per bottle 25c, 35c and ..... 75¢
MELLOR'S SAUCE, 20c, 35c and ..... 75¢
BRANDS A1 SAUCE, per bottle ..... 35¢
GORTON'S H. P. SAUCE, per bottle ..... 25¢
MASON'S O. K. SAUCE, per bottle ..... 25¢
HOLBROOK'S PUNCH SAUCE, per bottle ..... 25¢
HEINZ'S TOMATO KETCHUP, per bottle 25c and ..... 35¢
BLUE LABEL KETCHUP, per bottle ..... 35¢
E. D. SMITH'S KETCHUP, per bottle ..... 25¢
ROYAL PEPPER SAUCE, per bottle ..... 35¢
ROYAL MINT SAUCE, per bottle ..... 50¢

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The remaining stock of Trimmed and Tailored Hats. Our price only $2.50

LADIES' AFTERNOON DRESSES

In ninon, nets, foulard silk, mousseline, crepaline, invisible checks, some high neck, Dutch neck with high waist effects, kimono sleeves on newest novelty styles. Regular price $35 and $40. Sale price, each $19.50

LADIES' COATS

Ladies' Special Value Tweed Coats, raglan and other tailored sleeves, semi and loose fitting backs, also a few beaver cloth coats in black, navy and green. This lot of coats are in the widest range of styles. Regular price $30. Sale price $14.75

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Two dozen Ladies' Sweaters for rinking in three-quarter length, also hip length, in white, red, navy, grey and heather mixtures. Regular price $5.50. Sale price, each $3.50

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Special sample purchase of Ladies' Umbrellas, $2.50 quality for $1.25

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DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE ONE. Take notice that Fredrick James Yeandle, of Vancouver, B. C., lumberman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of the Southgate River on the east line of Lot 552, Coast District, Range 1, about 35 chains distant and in a southerly direction from the N. E. corner of Lot 552, thence east 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 40 chains to the point of commencement.

FREDRICK JAMES YEANDLE.
William Ross Flumerfelt, Agent.
December 17th, 1911.

ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

BY DR. FRANK CRANE

One of the curious, pathetic, and sometimes tragic things of this life, is doing regularly, at fixed times what is supposed to be done only at inspired moments.

It is all well enough to cook breakfast every morning at seven, to carry the mail daily over the route, to report at the store to sell drygoods, or at the office to do typewriting, punctually and statedly, but it is quite another matter, and has its dreadful, ashy side, to write a daily poem, to fill a daily comic column, or to preach every Sunday at half past ten in the morning.

Everybody has written a poem or two, when the sap was running strong and life's buds a-swelling; anybody can be funny once or twice a month or so; and there are times when each of us could preach, had we a pulpit and a prepared congregation.

But here is the irony of life; for the clown to grimace and crack jokes and make the onlookers roar with glee, while his body is dying and his heart is breaking; for the clergyman to drag his unwilling feet to the pulpit and to preach faith and courage, in one of those hours when his soul is thick with doubt and his spirit lax and dull and dry.

The most of the world's humor, amusement, poetry and religion is ministered by the uninspired. Books and periodicals teem with stuff that should be manna, but is dust. The jokers are aweary, the poets write against space, and the preachers preach against time. Pegasus has become a work horse, or rather has been transformed to a steam plough.

SETTLERS FROM ENGLAND.

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—A large party of emigrants is coming out from England this spring to engage in farming and fruit growing in the Windermere district, upper Columbia river valley, on lands acquired from the Columbia Valley Irrigated Fruitlands Company. This was the announcement made by James W. Davidson of Calgary, president of the Western Agencies & Development Company, a parent corporation.

The news of the sale of extensive tracts to proposed British settlers was received a few days ago from his English representative. Most of the settlers have considerable means and quite a large percentage of them have followed agricultural pursuits. They will locate on holdings varying in size from ten to thirty acres. Mr. Davidson stated that several settlers in the valley engaged in the cultivation of strawberries made a profit of $500 an acre out of last season's crop. None of the land recently sold in England has yet been brought under cultivation. The region is also well adapted for apples and every variety of small fruits.

At a certain college in the United States the male students were not allowed to visit the lady boarders. One day a male student was caught in the act of doing so and was court-martialled.

The rector, addressing him, said: "Mr. ——, the penalty for the first offence is $1; for the second, $2; for the third, $3; and so on, rising a dollar each time, up to $20."

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SENIOR PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR WILL RETIRE

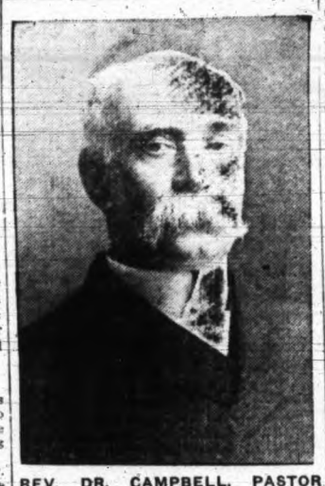
Rev. Dr. Campbell Will Lay Down Incumbency Next June —20 Years Useful Service

After twenty years of service, which will be completed on June 22 of this year, Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will retire, and in recognition of his services the congregation at the annual congregational meeting yesterday evening voted him a gratuity of $3,000.

Dr. Campbell, whose genial presence has been welcome at innumerable functions in Victoria in the last two decades, has served the premier Presbyterian organization in this province faithfully, and his impending resignation will be received with a general sentiment of regret and desire for a happy retirement.

Dr. Campbell is the oldest Presbyterian pastor in the province, and his induction in June, 1892, supplies a link with the past in that Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of St. Andrew's, New Westminster, took part in the ceremony on that occasion, Mr. Jamieson having been the second missionary sent out to this province, through the Canadian Presbyterian church in 1862.

After the first pastor of the First



REV. DR. CAMPBELL, PASTOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

church, Rev. John Hall, left the district to remove to New Zealand, the church being dedicated in November, 1863, Rev. Thomas Somerville held the pastorate, Congregationalists and Presbyterians worshipping together, but owing to a difference over temporalities, the pastor resigned, and St. Andrew's was established. Following the division of the congregation the First church had for nearly ten years only a fortnightly pulpit, supplied by Mr. Jamieson from New Westminster, whence he had removed after leaving Nanaimo. During this time the Anglicans used the church, as fire had destroyed their place of worship. Rev. J. Reid became pastor in 1876, and held office for five years, when he returned to England. Mr. Smith held the pulpit for a year, and then came Rev. D. Gamble. Mr. Gamble was followed in 1884 by Rev. Donald Fraser, of Mount Forest, Ontario, who worked so strenuously for the congregation that he impaired his health, and died in 1891 in the midst of his success, having placed the church on a sound financial basis, and greatly increased the church attendance. The present pastor then received his call, being formerly stationed at Owen Sound, Ontario.

"Gracious, Norah," called the housewife, impatiently, "isn't dinner nearly ready?" "No, mum," responded Norah, through the speaking tube, "awn it won't be ready for two hours yet." "Two hours! Why, what in the world is the cause of the delay?" "Why, mum, you said you wanted split pea soup, an' faith, it has taken me two hours and twinty minutes to split three hundred peas, an' there are four hundred an' sivinty-noine to be split yit. Oi counted thim mesilf."

SCHOOLMASTER TURNS BANDIT BLACKMAILER

Terror of the West River Was Country Teacher Whom Brigands Employed

An interesting story of the transformation of a peaceful Chinese schoolmaster into a predatory bandit is given in a Hongkong paper which was received on the Kamakura Maru yesterday. The writer of the account says:

Now that the pirates and brigands are such a numerous body in Canton, a few remarks about the history of their leaders may not be without interest. With some difficulty I have managed to obtain a brief outline of the career of both Luk Lau Ching and Li Tang Tung, whose evil deeds have for years caused them to be a terror even in this robber-infested province, and for whose capture the late government offered astonishingly large rewards. The more redoubtable of the two is the former, Luk, who is a man of good family and a native of the Sam Shui district. When a young man he aspired to the ranks of the literati, but being plucked in his examination for the sau ts'oi degree he gave up his high desires and opened a school in his native village. This village and its environs were infested by a gang of bandits who levied blackmail on all and sundry, and those who did not pay up came under the ban of the gang. To write these letters they employed the young schoolmaster Luk Lau Ching, who put such strong terms and terrible threats into the epistles that they seldom failed to obtain the desired result. From secretary of the gang Luk gradually rose to be chief, and his name became one of fear to all of the officials and merchants in the West River district, where most of his crimes were carried out. Being a man of great force of will and of personal influence he ruled his gang with despotic sway and punished with death the slightest thwarting of his desires or any lapse of duty. Many horrible tales are told of the ghastly acts of cruelty committed by his gang upon the persons of those who failed to pay the blackmail and ransoms demanded. Many times the mandarins tried to capture him, and on one occasion when traced to a village he succeeded in making his escape by dressing himself as a bride and thus eluding the vigilance of the officers of the law. His gang has grown into numbers until it now reaches a total of close upon two thousand men. This man has been engaged in plundering the community for about ten years, and it is said that such has been his success that he is now immensely wealthy. This is the man who, with the bulk of his fellow desperadoes, is now living in the Yamen of the Tartar General, and who has taken upon himself the task of guarding the eight Banner Settlement.

The other brigand chief, Li Tang Tung, is now in charge of Honam, where he has set the law at defiance for years. He has been a robber from his youth up, and having gathered around him a large number of kindred spirits, made a stronghold in a lonely part of Honam Island, called Tai Tong. From this place scouts were daily sent out and few travellers between the villages escaped the unwelcomed attentions of these rascals. His gang being well armed had no fear of the police or soldiers who were from time to time sent against them, and the man had become such a pest to society that the late government offered $20,000 for his capture. Like his contemporary, Luk, he appears to be a man capable of exerting a wonderful influence over the evil characters he controls. He also is said to have amassed a great fortune from his various looting expeditions.

SHOOTS HIMSELF.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 19.—"My reputation is ruined and that of the firm will be if I continue to live. I am doing this to protect the company."

Leaving a note containing the above, William Bellamy, an Englishman, ended his life with a bullet yesterday while seated in his office. Bellamy was employed as an expert accountant by a local accounting firm. According to his employers Bellamy was suffering from melancholy caused by overwork.

The ADVANCE MAN

"The Private Secretary."

The Calgary Daily Herald dated Jan. 5th gave the following criticism of "The Private Secretary" which will appear at the Victoria Theatre, Saturday, January 20th.

When a play has completed its thousandth performance it has become almost a part of nature, and is therefore to be taken as one of the mercies for which we are, or ought to be, thankful. "The Private Secretary" has already delighted almost a generation of mankind, and now his going forth is unto the end of the world, for we are told that when Mr. Bancroft reaches Vancouver at the end of the present tour, every country and almost every considerable town in the world will be able to answer the inquiry, "Do you know?" in the affirmative. He will then have carried round the globe his "goods and chatels"—the galoshes, the bath bun, the orange, the umbrella, and his bottle of that comic beverage, milk. It is to be hoped that when he goes from us he will find he has left behind at least one galosh, so that we may be sure of having him back.

He could certainly have no "complaint to lodge" as to his reception at the Lyric last night, for a full and enthusiastic house applauded him and the other members of that historic house party. C. James Bancroft, of course, took the part of the Rev. Robert Spaulding, in the traditional manner, and showed himself worthy of a name much honored in the theatrical world. The terrific uncle, Mr. Cattermole, with liver eaten up by the peppery sauce of India, was one of the chief mainstays of the play, as represented last night by Alexander Frank, and Shirley Braithwaite as the tailor from Bond street, who would be a gentleman, was equally successful.

Plays like this or "Charley's Aunt" probably owe their phenominal success altogether to the acting. It would be hard indeed to imagine what they would look like in print, and it may be easily believed that "The Private Secretary" was a failure when originally produced in Germany, and also on its first appearance in England many years ago. The actor had not then struck the vein. When he did he created the play, and since then it has continued as a tradition of the actor's art.

Forbes-Robertson.

To witness Forbes-Robertson, the greatest English-speaking actor in "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," which comes to the Victoria theatre Monday and Tuesday nights, January 22 and 23 is like going out into cool, green fields after a day in a hot and dusty city. So crystal pure is its theme, so uplifting its atmosphere, that it is more eloquent than many sermons, and it is safe to say that every man and woman who sees "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" goes away from the play with kinder and gentler thoughts. There is no plot, no elaborate costuming and stage setting to dazzle the eye, but just the simple story of the lives of a little group of commonplace people, narrow and pessimistic in their attitude towards the world, suddenly illumined by the sunlight of truth which blesses them with its radiant enforcement and changes the whole atmosphere of the dreary boarding-house. The place of the scene of action is a dreary boarding-house in a rather mean quarter of London. Then comes a great flood of sunlight, a premonition, lighting up the dark hallway and the dingy sitting-room, and the stranger knocks at the door and is admitted. Each and everyone of the discouraged, unhappy people he meets receives new life and encouragement. The better self awakens in them. Little courtesies begin to blossom among them. The husband and wife stop quarreling, the young woman who loves luxury finds it impossible to sell herself for money. The little slavey, who has been an outcast, learns to respect herself, the cheat forgets his schemes and machinations under the influence of the kind stranger, an so on, every character is bettered. Little by little the whole atmosphere of the place is changed, and then the stranger goes away out into the darkness, and the little slavey, sorrowfully watching him go, finds herself surrounded by a great flood of sunlight, symbolical of the light that will remain with them all, the influence that has made them form plans and aims based on the new self.

Savage Grand Opera Co.

In Henry W. Savage's immense production of Puccini's grand opera, "The Girl of the Golden West," in English, which will be offered at the Victoria Theatre, Friday, January 26, there are five complete sets of principals. That is, there are five prima donnas, five tenors and five baritones. Thus he is enabled to give the perfomance five consecutive nights without repeating a single principal. The singers are all of distinguished merit, plucked by Mr. Savage and his agents from many of the leading opera houses of the continent of Europe. The music is very difficult and its dramatic quality makes good acting also an essential in the artist. The whole performance, aside from the wonderful score, is played absolutely true to the dramatic model from which it was evolved. The organization carries a grand opera orchestra of fifty pieces. It is conducted by Giorgie Palacco, of Venice and Milan, a friend and co-worker of the great Puccini himself.

OUR LETTER BOX

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters for publication in Daily Times must be received before 10 a. m. When received after that hour they will go over until next day.

GOVERNMENT LAND POLICY.

To the Editor:—The minister of lands did not tell the legislature that through the land policy of the McBride government all crown lands may now be laid out into townsites and the province get no fourth part.

Surely such a radical change of policy by a Conservative government was worthy of notice. The land act, which secured one-fourth of all townsites for the province, was so nicely amended (?) a year or two ago, that now all that is necessary is to make the townsite lots larger than one acre and the province is cut out of its one-fourth share.

Is not such a feat something for such a government to be proud of?

OBSERVER.

HAND-PICKED REPORTS.

To the Editor:—It was very interesting to listen to the member for Newcastle telling the premier of this province a few plain facts on Wednesday last in the legislature. It is safe to say the Hon. Richard spent about as unpleasant an hour as he has had for many moons. If he could have seen how the Conservative members behind him were enjoying the grilling he was getting, his feelings would have been still further lacerated.

The Hon. Price Ellison certainly deserves well at the hands of the premier, for his face might have been made of painted chinaware for all the change visible in it during Parker Williams' speech. Price remembers what a difficult time he had getting into the premier's favor, because of his long delay in deserting the loaves and fishes when the Prior government was on its last legs, and he is resolved to take no chances of losing it.

As going to show the utter unreliability of the Colonist's reports of the debates in the local house and the way in which they are colored to suit the government, one little illustration of what the member for Newcastle refers to as "hand-picked reports" should be given. When the premier was talking in his usual bombastic style about what a fine university his government was providing the province, he said "we would have an institution that would equal Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard or McGill." The Colonist in reporting his speech made him say Toronto or McGill.

Parker Williams pointed out at some length this inaccuracy in the Colonist's report; but, strange to say, either the Colonist's reporter failed to hear that portion of his address or else some further "hand-picking" was done in the editorial office. This little incident serves to illuminate the provincial government's large advertising bill with the Colonist and its dear defunct sister, the Post, better than anything else could.

LISTENER.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 19, 1912.

At the depot of an agricultural co-operative society in Suffolk, England, more than 3,000,000 eggs were collected in the first eight months of 1911.

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